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BANK AND CLIENT'S OVERDRAFT.

Payments That Went to Compradore.

DISPUTE OVER LIABILITY.

A passing reference to frauds upon the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation by a former compradore was made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon before the Full Court this morning, in a case in which the Bank appealed against an order made in chambers by Mr. Justice Wood, on April 16, by which Mr. Choa Po-sien was entitled to a statement of account and to redemption of certain securities lodged with the Bank by him as security for an overdraft on his current account.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp), and Mr. Justice Lindell. Messrs. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for Mr. Choa Po-sien, and Mr. Sheldon for the bank.

Compradore's Defaulters? It was stated that the originating summons was taken out in October last year, when plaintiff (Mr. Choa) demanded a statement of account.

Mr. Sheldon, in the course of his argument, stated that what had happened as regards the Bank was that certain amounts had been paid to their compradore, and Mr. Choa's account had been credited. In point of fact, not a cent of this money was received by the Bank. When this was discovered the manager, in accordance with his right, caused a cross-entry to be made in the account, reversing the credits thus erroneously entered previously.

By reason of this cross-entry, the Bank claimed that the amount due them on principal, interest, and costs, on the overdraft amounted to \$500,951.80. Plaintiff maintained that his indebtedness was only \$139,214.00, and he had in fact tendered this amount.

"The dispute really boils down, therefore, to the amount of money owed," said Mr. Sheldon. "In pursuance of this account an affidavit was duly sworn by Mr. Biggar, the manager of the bank, that the account was correct, and they were then filed."

"Mr. Choa, however, contends that the credits already mentioned, which had later been dealt with by a cross-entry, should be deducted from the account. He affirms, and defendant denies, that he is not liable for the full amount."

Onus of Proof.

Mr. Sheldon went on to contend that the onus of proof was upon plaintiff, who was seeking to show that the account was wrong. "It is quite clear in my submission," he said, "that the issue, as ordered by Mr. Justice Wood, means that defendant has got to prove a negative—that he is not wrong. This means that officers of the Bank must enter the witness box to prove that they have not received various sums of money for and on behalf of Mr. Choa."

As regards the evidence before Mr. Justice Wood, counsel said that it consisted of only the summons, the order made on the summons, and the affidavits of Mr. Biggar and Mr. Choa, together with the accounts filed, which latter evidence was supported by the affidavit of Mr. Biggar. If no more evidence than that were produced, he would submit that defendant must obtain judgment, as there was sworn evidence that the accounts were true and accurate ones.

Rectification Date.

Replying to a question by Mr. Justice Lindell, counsel said that Mr. Justice Wood had held that the accounts were altered after the beginning of the dispute. There was, in fact, evidence of an impending dispute on September 29 last year. The originative summons was taken out on October 29, when plaintiff demanded an account. The adjustments had been made after that date.

ASSAULT ON A DANE.

Said to have been injured by an American sailor during a fight in Spring Garden Lane at 12.30 o'clock this morning, John Tenson, aged 28 years, stated to be a Danish unemployed ship's fireman, residing at the Seamen's Institute, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from abrasions to his face.

BRITISH AIR MAILS ARRIVE.

Taken to Port Darwin in Relief Plane.

SECOND PLANE LEAVES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The second experimental British-Australia Air Mail Service, operated by the Imperial Airways, left Croydon in a Ninety Armstrong Siddeley Air Liner today.

The liner was carrying combined Australian, Indian and Central African Mail totalling approximately 50,000 letters. The mail is due at Port Darwin on Sunday, May 10. The first experimental service encountered delay due to a mishap to the Air Liner "City of Cairo," near Kupang, Timor, last Sunday.

Earlier News.

Koopang, Saturday. Commodore Kingsford-Smith, the famous Australian aviator, took off to-day for Port Darwin, in the Southern Cross, with the air mails from the City of Cairo, London, Saturday.

The second experimental Australian air mail left Croydon today and is due at Port Darwin on May 10.

Port Darwin, Yesterday. Commodore Kingsford-Smith has arrived with the City of Cairo's air mail.—Reuter.

ROYAL TOURISTS.

PRINCES TO LEAVE FRANCE TO-DAY BY AIR.

DUE HOME TO-MORROW.

Rugby, Yesterday. The liner Arlanza with the Prince of Wales and Prince George reached Lisbon to-day and the Princes disembarked to fulfil a number of public engagements, including the Government banquet and a reception to-night. The specially-equipped Armstrong Siddeley Air Liner in which the Princes and staff are expected to fly from Bordeaux to London, left Croydon Aerodrome this morning. The Princes will arrive at the mouth of the Gironde River and disembark from the British cruiser Kent on Monday morning. They are due in London on Tuesday.—British Wireless Service.

Visit to Lisbon.

Lisbon, Saturday. The Prince of Wales and Prince George arrived here at 7.30 this morning aboard the liner Arlanza, escorted by Portuguese destroyers and the British cruiser Kent. The latter will take the Princes to the mouth of the Gironde to-morrow, whence they will motor to Bordeaux and take an air liner for the journey home.—Reuter.

'QUAKE SHOCK.

FOLLOWS RENEWED VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. A severe earthquake shock was felt in Anjokun, Province of Larioja. The inhabitants were thrown into a panic. A shock was also felt in the Sierra Calamuchita following signs of renewed volcanic activity in those mountains.—Reuter's American Service.

DISHONEST WORKER

THEFT OF FITTINGS FROM GAS COMPANY.

In the Kowloon Police Court this morning, Sin Wun was ordered to receive 12 strokes for stealing 10 gas cooker fittings from the Hong Kong & China Gas Co.'s showroom in Nathan Road.

Defendant alleged he was an employee of the Company, and that he wanted the fittings for a certain job.

The Manitoba Agricultural College recently shipped three baby beavers to the Union Stock Yards market, which established a new season's "top." The beavers averaged 900 pounds and sold for \$3 per hundredweight.

PREVALENCE OF BAG SNATCHING.

Three Women Attacked in Hong Kong.

EARRINGS WRENCHED OFF.

Bag snatching cases were prevalent during the week-end, three incidents having been reported to the Police.

A widow, Lai Shing-yi, of 403, The Peak, stated that she was walking along Caine Road at about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a man, aged about 30 years, approached her from behind. Taking hold of her hair, he snatched a pair of gold earrings with jade drops, valued at \$20.

The second case also occurred in Caine Road, when Ho Kam, a married woman, of 48, Tung Street, was attacked in a similar manner, and relieved of a pair of gold earrings, with jade buckle attached, valued at \$10. The incident happened at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

Au Mun (17), a spinster of 9, Gleanly, in a report to the Police stated that she was walking along D'Agular Street at about 4 p.m. yesterday when a man, aged about 25 years, suddenly attacked her and stole her leather handbag, which contained articles to the total value of \$8.

SMUGGLERS FINED.

DEFENDANTS' STORY AN "IMPOSSIBILITY."

THREE CONVICTIONS.

The closing arguments in the case against Lai Tak-hung, Ng Kau, and Wong Shek were heard at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton. The first defendant was charged with smuggling 700 lb. of tobacco into the Colony on April 1. He was also jointly charged with second and third defendant with having unlawful possession of 700 lb. of tobacco in Tai Po Road.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. D. E. B. Evans defended the second and third accused.

In convicting all the defendants, His Worship said that the story told by second and third defendants was a "shrieking impossibility," and that he was perfectly convinced that the defendants were well aware that they were carrying contraband tobacco on their return journey.

The first defendant was fined \$500 or six months' imprisonment on the first charge and the second and third defendants \$50 or one month's jail on the second charge.

In imposing the fines His Worship said that there was no evidence that the latter two men knew they were going out to bring in a load of tobacco and, therefore, that would make a considerable difference.

TRIBAL DISPUTE.

ABORIGINES SLAUGHTERED IN FORMOSA.

VICTIMS DECAPITATED.

Tokyo, Saturday. Twenty-six Formosan aborigines were slaughtered and decapitated during an inter-tribal dispute at Musha, the same district which witnessed the anti-Japanese rising on October 23 last year, according to a Press despatch received in Tokyo.

It seems to be an aftermath of last year's affair. One of the tribes attacked another's village at daybreak this morning and set fire to the village, after which they decamped, taking the heads of 26 victims with them.

Police Protection.

Taipei, Saturday. A Police communique states that serious trouble has cropped up between tribes in Formosa who co-operated with the authorities in subduing the Musha uprising last October, and Musha tribesmen, who are now concentrated in camps under Police protection. 184 Musha tribes people were decapitated by tribes, 13 being serious injuries, whilst 104 are missing, three have committed suicide, and 79 houses have been burnt.—Reuter.

DEATH OF FAMOUS LAWYER.

Enlisted in Army at Age of Seventy-Three.

EX-SOLICITOR GENERAL.

London, Yesterday. The death occurred to-day of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward George Clarke, Kt., the well-known barrister and former Solicitor-General, in his ninetieth year.—Reuter.

[Sir Edward Clarke was born in London on February 15, 1841, his father being a jeweller of King William Street. Educated at College House, Edmonton, the City of London College, and King's College Evening Classes, he was prizeman in English Literature at the first examination of the Society of Arts, in 1866, and the First A.A. of Oxford in 1868. Entering the India Office as a Writer in 1869, he became a Tancred law student in 1861 and was admitted to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1864. He practised in the Common Courts and at the Surrey Sessions, and became known through his appearance in the Fenge case and the Detective case. In 1880 he was elected as Member of Parliament for Southwark, but was defeated at the next election. In 1886 he appeared in the famous Baccarat case, and was Solicitor-General from 1886-92. He retired from the Bar in 1914, being then 73 years of age, and enlisted as a private in the Middlesex Volunteer Regiment, serving from 1915-16, when he was promoted as Hon. Colonel of its 2nd Battalion. He wrote a number of books on legal practice and scriptural matters.]

Moderate.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

Depressions lie over China, Indo-China and to the N.E. of Japan.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds; moderate; fair.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—12.98 inches against an average of 10.92 inches—surplus 2.06 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	72
Macao	74
Pratas Island	79
Manila	77
Foochow	69
Amoy	72
Chefoo	46
Shanghai	67

MR. W. W. FOX.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT OF COLONY.

IN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The death occurred at 4.20 this morning, at his residence, 5, Ying Fai Terrace, of Mr. William Walkinshaw Fox, an old resident of the Colony.

Mr. Fox, who was born on January 20, 1879, was just over 52 years of age at the time of his death. He had been connected with the Education Department for over 22 years, receiving his first appointment in Government service on February 22, 1909.

During this long period as a teacher, Mr. Fox served in various Government schools. At the time of the completion of King's College, Mr. Fox was on the staff of the Salingpun School (now the Government Vernacular School), and he was one of the teachers to be transferred to King's College, on the staff of which he was at the time of his death.

Mr. Fox is survived by many relatives in Hong Kong, including several sons and daughters, and he also had family connections in San Francisco. The sympathy of a large circle of friends and Mr. Fox's colleagues in the Education Department will go out to his family and relatives in their sad bereavement.

The funeral, as advertised, takes place at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

BALANCED BUDGET FOR AUSTRALIA.

Financial Position of the Commonwealth.

REDUCTION OF BANK RATES.

Melbourne, Yesterday. "Australia must aim at securing a balanced Budget by June 30, 1934," was the opinion expressed in the course of a series of resolutions passed by a conference of the Loan Council for the purpose of determining the financial position of the Commonwealth.

The Council have therefore appointed a Committee consisting of Sir James Mitchell (Premier of West Australia), Mr. J. Jones, (Acting Treasurer of Victoria), and L. Hill (Premier of South Australia), to survey the future position respecting the Government Budgets, determine the problem as the result of present and future economies, and report to a full meeting of the Council at the end of May concerning any further action.

Another resolution was passed expressing the opinion that the present interest rates should be reduced, requesting the Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank regarding the raising of a loan of \$12,000,000 in Australia.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER MAYOR

ELECTION OF M. HERRIOT CONFIRMED.

WHY HE REFUSED OFFICE.

Lyons, Yesterday. After negotiations between the ex-Premier, M. Herriot, and the Socialists, the former's election as Mayor was confirmed by a majority of 89 votes. Eleven members abstained from voting. Earlier News.

Lyons, Yesterday. M. Herriot, the ex-Premier who has been Mayor of Lyons for twenty-five years but resigned a month ago owing to a sweeping Socialist victory in the primary elections for Senators for the Rhone, has been re-elected by 26 to 24 votes, but refuses to take office.

The re-election was due to two votes from the Right but M. Herriot wants a majority from the Left to ensure his ability to administer the town.—Reuter.

HOME CENSUS.

NEARLY 14,000,000 FORMS DISTRIBUTED.

ESTIMATED INCREASE.

London, Yesterday. By midnight to-night practically every inhabitant of the British Isles, including the crews of prisons and hospitals and even vessels in home waters, inmates and homeless tramps sleeping outdoors, will have been accounted for in the decennial census, for which between thirteen and fourteen million forms have been distributed to houses, hotels, clubs, etc.

Their Majesties will be enumerated on a special form prepared for Windsor Castle.

The police armed with forms will enumerate the homeless whom they find on the streets at the "zero hour."

It is estimated that the final figures, which will not be available for some months, will be in the neighbourhood of 40,000,000, or an increase of over 2,000,000 since the last census in 1921.—Reuter.

A WARNING.

DISORDER WILL BE SUPPRESSED IN INDIA.

Lahore, Saturday. Disorder will be suppressed and individual rights and liberties will be protected, declared the Governor of the Punjab in addressing the landowners in the Shahpur district, and warning the rank and file of Congress not to disregard the Irwin-Gandhi agreement.

Where violence and criminal intimidation were involved, he declared, the Government would no longer stay its hand.—Reuter.

LOSSES DUE TO 1925 STRIKE.

Chosen Co.'s Capital Reduction.

APPLICATION GRANTED.

Heavy losses due to the strike of 1925, which caused non-payment of any dividend, as well as a sale of large stocks in hand at a great reduction on cost, were stated this morning, in the Supreme Court, to be directly responsible for an application made by the Chosen Company to reduce capital.

It was further stated that the Directors were satisfied that the assets of the Company, less the liabilities, could not in any sense be regarded as equivalent to its paid-up capital. The deficiency, amounting to \$560,000, in the Profit and Loss Account, must be regarded as a permanent one.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo, made the application before the Chief Justice, (Sir J. H. Kemp). He stated that the company was founded in March, 1924, with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. Of this capital 7,000 paid-up shares were issued.

New Share Issue. By a special resolution duly passed and confirmed the Company had decided to reduce the capital to \$200,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$20 each. The reduction would be effected by cancelling the capital lost, or capital not represented by valuable assets.

Further, if the reduction as proposed should be confirmed by the Court, it was proposed to increase the capital by the creation of 6,000 new shares of \$20 each, ranking for dividend, and in all other respects, pari passu with the existing shares. The total new capital would thus be \$300,000.

The only questions at issue, counsel proceeded, were how long the words, "and reduced," would be required to be used, and the extent of advertising required.

The Chief Justice ordered the reduction as applied for to be confirmed. The use of the words "and reduced" would be continued for one month from date of the order. Advertising would be in the Government Gazette once, a British paper twice, and two Chinese papers twice.

Allotment Filing Extended. Prior to hearing the application, His Lordship had granted an application made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, on behalf of the South China Cold Storage Company, Ltd., for an extension of seven days from date, for time for filing with the Registrar a return of allotments statutorily required. It was stated by counsel that the filing had been omitted through inadvertence, and by a misapprehension on the part of the company's directors.

Farmers of the Swift Current district (Saskatchewan) are moving to form a co-operative company at this centre to handle gasoline, oil, and farm commodities. They propose to incorporate with a capitalisation of \$50,000.

The site of the new terminal elevator at North Lethbridge presents a busy scene these days with much preliminary work under way. It is expected that some 75 carpenters and a hundred labourers will be on the pay rolls when construction is begun.

STABBED IN CHEST BY SCREWDRIVER.

Chinese Murdered in House in Wanchai.

DISGRUNTLED FOKI.

A murder is alleged to have been perpetrated in a house in Wanchai at 3.30 o'clock this morning.

According to a report furnished at Police Headquarters it is stated that the murdered man was Wong Sze Shan, aged 25 years, who lived with his brother, Wong Sze-tin, on the second floor of 61, Tung Lo Wan Road, Wanchai. The latter is secretary of the Shui Shung Import and Export shop at 204, Wing Lok Street.

It appears that the assailant was a Fukienese, who was employed as a foki at the shop, and yesterday was dismissed owing to a quarrel. At ten o'clock last night the assailant is alleged to have called on his employer, and expressed a wish to be reinstated as an employee. He further asked that he might be allowed to sleep the night on the floor. To this request Wong Sze-tin consented.

Awakened by Moans. Whilst they were sleeping, Wong Sze-tin was awakened by noises of moaning. He got up, and was walking toward his brother's bed when it is alleged that the assailant stabbed him in the back, and then made his escape to the street. Wong Sze-tin then discovered that his brother had been stabbed in the chest by a screwdriver, and was dead.

The Police were notified of the crime, and the body was removed to the Public Mortuary, whilst Wong Sze-tin was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Another Murder? Foo Shu-wing (18), stated to be a foki of the Li Sah-ki fruit stall at the junction of Hollywood Road and Ladder Street, is believed to have been murdered during a fight outside the Man Mo Temple in the early hours of this morning. The Police report states that the alleged assailant is in custody, and adds that no weapon was used, as there were no wounds on the body, which was taken to the Public Mortuary.

SOLDIER REMANDED

ALLEGED TO HAVE STRUCK COOK WITH FIST.

A remand until to-morrow afternoon was granted in the Kowloon Police Court in respect of the case against a private of the South Water Borderers who is charged with assaulting Ma Chi-piu, an assistant cook, in Chiu Wo Street yesterday at 5 p.m. It was alleged he struck the complainant with his fist.

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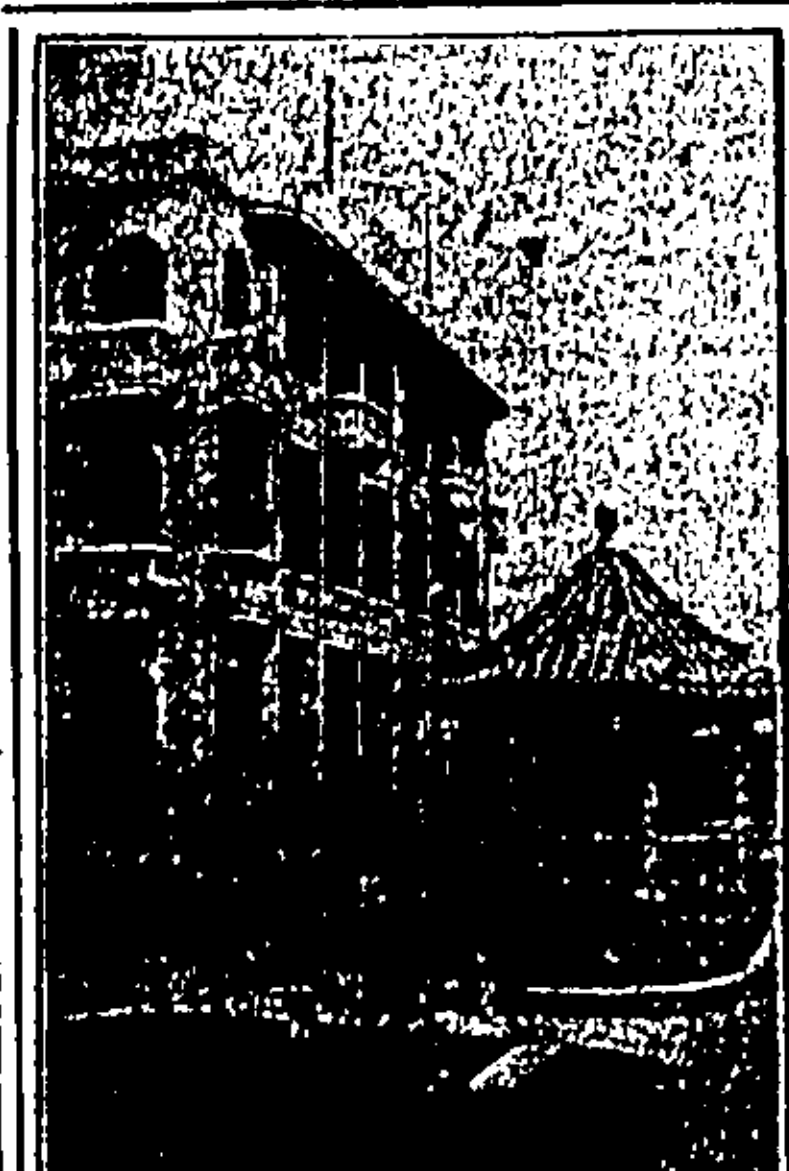
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Beyond Ichang, up to Chungking where Szechwan is the most westerly province of China, the lines of communication remain. There are not only river steamers on this route, but naval craft of at least five Powers—British, Japanese, American, French and Italian—and they act as guardians to these steamers. With a Central Government struggling to assert its authority, the reign of the bandit Communist has been made easier.

These bandits (writes the Shanghai correspondent of a London paper) in loosely formed and loosely linked armies, descend on the river on one bank or the other and, armed with rifles or antiquated artillery, amuse themselves by interfering with passenger and cargo ships. The life of a river steamer captain is very much like that of a Merchant Service captain in the Great War. There are no submarines to worry about, but although the bandits have quaint ideas of shooting and the ammunition of their artillery is more varied than effective, the idiosyncrasies of the Yangtze prevent the steamers from keeping to the middle of the channel and necessitate a zig-zag course.

A commonplace.

Thus ample opportunities are provided for the merest tyro to find a target. It has become almost a commonplace for these ships to return to Shanghai showing distinct signs of having run the gauntlet. Ships carry armed guards at certain points, and elaborate precautions are taken to prevent passengers from being hit, but bullet marks on the hulls of these ships bear testimony to the reality of the risks taken by captains and crews.

Little is heard of the activities of the gunboats. There is, however, between Yochow and Shasi a specially lively stretch, and on this the gunboats concentrate their attention. The British Flotilla, which is the largest of all, consists only of 13 boats distributed at various points from Chungking downwards and the problem of the controlling authority is that of obtaining the best results from the use of his tiny force. Often a gunboat has to be detached for five or six days from its normal occupation of patrolling to carry out an "ad hoc" expedition for the rescue of an individual foreigner, say, a merchant or a missionary.

On other occasions the gunboats have definitely to carry out the evacuation of foreign residents of up-river towns where the bandits have obtained temporary control. This work demands the transformation of the gunboat into a liner, a feat which the Navy achieves with its traditional adaptability.

Along the lively stretch where patrolling is intense the bandits have managed to remove most of the beacons which guide the mariner and to establish themselves on both sides of the river. The gunboats come along, and when they detect a nest of bandits they endeavour to smoke it out. They have left their mark with some decision on several places. There is a well-known bandit haunt by the name of Temple Hill. Owing to the attentions of the gunboat there is very little left of the buildings which stood there in more peaceful days.

Were it not for these foreign Navies, not only would merchantships be unable to get up or down the river, but the peacefully inclined Chinese would find life more difficult than it is. Now that the war in the North is over, General Chiang Kai-shek's troops are moving up, in the hope of restoring this bandit-ridden territory to its lawful rulers. Progress is slow, but Government troops are only too glad of the presence of the gunboats. The difficulties lying ahead consist mainly in the advantage possessed by any guerrilla force over Regular troops.

A Menace To Trade.

The seriousness of this bandit menace can be seen in the condition of the once prosperous towns up-river. Shasi, for instance, is a town from which radiates a good system of roads. It could draw into its net many of the commo-

IS MODERN YOUTH HAPPY?

Minister Says No: Jazz and Religion.

The problem of Youth was discussed at the meeting of the National Free Church Council at Weston-super-Mare.

The Rev. John A. Patten, of Dulwich, said that young people were not attracted to the Church.

"The family pew," he went on, "has been smashed to smithereens. All father cares about is to see us sitting in a row, said a modern girl, and there is some justice in the criticism. Conventional Christianity is not good enough to attract and hold young people.

"Youth seems to have been over-taken with a great misgiving."

"A Risky Adventure."

"In spite of all the opportunities for enjoyment, the younger generation does not appear to be so very happy. It is often restless and dissatisfied."

Decrying billiard-tables as means of attracting young men to the Church, and describing a jazz band as "a poor substitute for the bugles of Christ," Mr. Patten said: "If a minister announced a hazardous enterprise, his vestry would be crowded by eager-eyed youth demanding a share in it."

The problem was to present Christian life as a high and risky adventure.

"There are many novelists," he added, "whose delight is to pour scorn upon moral behaviour. This equivocal school of fiction creates a miasma that is noxious in the extreme. Let the north wind of robust teaching on moral questions blow away its poisonous vapours."

"Military and Money Barons."

A vision of a world ruled by "military and money barons" was described by the Rev. Arthur Hird.

"If either the military or the money barons maintain control man cannot rise higher than the fodder level," he declared, "cannon fodder for the machines on the battlefield or the factory."

"The idea that we are subduing nature is the product of the city-wall habit and training of mind. When a man does not realize his kinship with the world he lives in a prison house whose walls are alien to him."

Resolutions were passed condemning sweepstakes for charitable purpose.

Regretting the Roman Catholic claims in the debate on the Education Bill.

Approving a new temperance crusade.

The Rev. James Reid, of Eastbourne Presbyterian Church, was nominated president for 1932.

LESSON SERMON.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.

"Probation After Death" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 26.

The Golden Text was:—"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be for ever." (Psalm 37; 18.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible:—"O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction; repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." (Hosea 13; 9, 14.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"Jesus' unchanged physical condition, after what seemed to be death was followed by his exaltation above all material conditions; and this exaltation explained his ascension, and revealed unmistakably a probationary and progressive state beyond the grave. Jesus was 'the way' that is, he marked the way for all men." (p. 48.)

ties for which the down-country merchants are clamouring. Owing to the bandits, however, Shasi has to endure long periods of inactivity, and its commerce has been seriously damaged.

The gradual domination of the once prosperous valley by the bandit-Communist hordes has so reduced the resources and vitality of the people that even if the much-promised trade revival were to reappear in Shanghai it is doubtful whether the people would be able to respond to that change by increased activity on their own account. But so long as communications can be kept open, so long will there be hope among the traders and agriculturists. This is where the gunboats come in and where they are: unostentatiously, but pertinaciously, contributing nobly to the war against economic failure.

A REGENT'S PARK PROTEST.

Open-Air Dancing Disliked.

"WE WANT PEACE."

People who live in Regent's Park are meeting to table a list of demands to Mr. Lansbury, the First Commissioner of Works—demands intended to ensure for the Park "Peace, Beauty and Safety," writes a special correspondent in the Evening News.

They are going to protest: Against the suggestion that Winter Gardens should be introduced into the Park;

Against the exclusion of the public from an increasing number of enclosed portions of the Park;

Against the "inadequate" speed limit notices;

Against the possibility of buildings appearing where the Botanic Gardens are now.

Regent's Park is the most "residential" of all London parks. In the stately houses which border it there live many distinguished M.P.s, professional men, and artists.

Some of them regard Mr. Lansbury as too impetuous; they say that his "Brighter Parks" schemes will drive peace from the few places where it should be found.

Mr. J. Hutchinson, hon. treasurer of the Regent's Park Protection Committee, which is organising the meeting, told me that one scheme which has not met with general approval is the cutting off of a "beautiful glade" for the purpose of children sun-bathing.

Public Kept Out.

"It is questionable," said Mr. Hutchinson, "whether any part of a public park should be raffled off and labelled 'private.' Then there are other parts from which the public are excluded—one lot for the purpose of a golf school, another to be used, I believe, as a playing field—not a public one."

"We do not like the tendency. There is a pond which was put down about a year ago for children to play in."

"It is not a success and people who used to find at that spot a haven of rest complain about it."

"It should be filled up and turfed over again."

"The new running track—there are no complaints about that, it is a public amenity."

"But the suggestion of a Winter Garden conjures up unpleasant possibilities. It might mean a pleasure place of the 'hurdy-gurdy' type, which would be likely to attract rowdies."

Open Air Dances.

"There have been other schemes of that kind in London which have ended in the places coming into disrepute."

"I believe Mr. Lansbury favours open-air dancing in Regent's Park. Is that necessary or desirable?"

"The meeting will no doubt express an opinion."

Mr. Hutchinson referred to an old bone of contention—the speed of cars and motor-cycles in the Park.

"We do not blame the motorists—but there should be more and larger warnings of the speed limit, illuminated at night."

"How can motorists be expected to keep inside the limit with the notices as they are now?"

"Recently we took a census and found that more than 11,000 cars and motor-cycles entered the Park in six hours. The number exceeds half a million a month."

"At night those who cannot see the notices may speed at 50 miles an hour, so that they are a menace to safety and make a terrible noise."

"We claim to have got the speed limit in the parks reintroduced through our pressure—and now we want it made more effective."

"As for the future of the Botanic Gardens—that is very much in the air."

"But I think many of us would regret the appearance of any further buildings such as it has been suggested might form a 'Folk-love Village' on the site."

NO MARRIAGE VETO.

Women Doctors To Keep Their Posts.

The governors of Birmingham General Hospital have rejected a resolution, previously passed, but requiring confirmation, that women should not be eligible for posts on the medical staff if married, and that those already on the staff should be required to resign on marriage.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes), opposing the resolution, said that women had shown their capacity as physicians and surgeons of the first class, and that a modern community could not permanently accept the principle of dismissing a woman because she had children following marriage.

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WHO DIED FIRST?

PROBLEM OF "J.W.H.T." AND HIS FATHER.

Who died first in the wreck of the Finnish steamer Oberon in the Kattegat last December—Mr. J. H. Douglas or his son, Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas, the England and Essex cricketer?

Upon the answer to this question depends the financial circumstances in which Mrs. J. W. H. T. Douglas will be left.

Mr. Douglas, sen., left £73,863, between £5,000 and £6,000 of which would have gone to his son if he had survived his father.

Mr. Douglas, jun., whose will was proved recently, left £25,383. Two-fifths of his estate was bequeathed to his wife.

When Last Seen.

If he had survived to benefit by his father's will, his estate would have been increased to over £30,000.

The question which now arises is: Is any evidence available to show that father and son did not perish together, but that the father died first?

Mr. Ernest Martin, of Beckenham, one of the survivors, in an interview at Copenhagen, said: "The very last I saw of Mr. Douglas, senior, was when he went down to get a lifebelt. 'J.W.H.T.' ran down after him to tell him it was no earthly use. Then suddenly the end came. I never saw the two Douglas after the ship's final lurch."

Mrs. J. W. H. T. Douglas estimates that she will benefit to the extent of £400 a year from her husband's estate.

House Sold.

"I have had to sell Colonsay, our house, at Theydin Bois, which my husband left to me, and I am taking a small flat near Olympia," she told The Evening News.

"Except for some private means of my own I should have been left in difficulties."

A legal authority, discussing the point of law involved, said: "A court will never presume that a young man lived longer than an old one in a catastrophe."

"They will usually act on very slender evidence but, in the absence of any evidence at all, the court will not draw any distinction, and the two men will be presumed to have died simultaneously."

"There was a case a long time ago where two persons—husband and wife—made wills in favour of each other, in the event of one surviving the other."

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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Mexico Maru	Tues.	5th May
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	6th May
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Seattle Maru	Sat.	2nd May
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JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Madras Maru	Sat.	9th May
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	30th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	3rd May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	10th May
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LIMCHOW RETURNS.

TOWED INTO PORT FROM HAINAN STRAIT.

BADLY DAMAGED.

The s.s. Limchow, which went aground off Pochin Pagoda, in Hainan Strait, and was later salvaged and re-floated by the Kowloon Dock tug Henry Keewick, after H.M.S. Sterling had been despatched to protect the salvage workers, was towed into port on Saturday about 6.30 p.m.

The Limchow, according to eye-witnesses of her arrival, showed evidence of traces of the grim time she had undergone, when pirates swarmed aboard the abandoned ship, setting fire to her after looting the cargo. At one time there were 38 junks hovering round, and it was only the timely arrival of the destroyer that permitted the work of salvage to go on.

Whilst the full extent of the damage naturally cannot be ascertained until a complete survey has been made, it was the opinion of those qualified to judge, who saw the ship come in, that she must have been badly buffeted about.

The Limchow is now lying in the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon Docks.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—West wall.
Cicala—North wall.
Hermes—In Dock.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Moorhen—North wall.
Odin—East wall.
Oatira—No. 2 buoy.
Oswald—No. 2 buoy.
Otus—East wall.
Perseus—No. 2 buoy.
Poseidon—No. 2 buoy.
Sandwich—South wall.
Sirdar—West wall.
Somme—South wall.
Sterling—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—West wall.
Vindictive—North arm.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Argus—French gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Nagasaki on April 26 (Sun.) 4.30 p.m., left Nagasaki on April 27 (Mon.) 5 a.m., and is due at Shanghai on April 28 (Tues.) 9 a.m. She will leave Shanghai on April 29 (Wed.) 6 a.m.

According to the Belgian Press the South African Government has chosen Antwerp as a distributing centre for certain Union produce destined for the Continent.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, April 24.
Kamo, British str., 725 tons, Capt. L. Bier, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—Williamson & Co.
Moko Maru, Japanese str., 5,199 tons, Capt. K. Kashiwa, from Hamburg and Antwerp, Kowloon Wharf.—D.K.K.
Suisang, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. W. T. Boas, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Saturday, April 25.
Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Hoihow, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Anzan Maru, Japanese str., 2,337 tons, Capt. M. Yamachi, from Dairen, buoy No. B23.—D.K.K.
Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. Newton, from Dally, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Chipsing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. Pethick, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.
Franken, German str., 4,821 tons, Captain Kuehnemann, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Melchers & Co.

Hydrangea British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Hiram, Norwegian str., 1,109 tons, Captain E. R. Hannevig, from Swatow, buoy No. C6.—Thoresen & Co.
Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. E. M. Gillie, from Chefoo, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
Koromiko, British str., 1,541 tons, Capt. E. Jones, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—Williamson & Co.

Limchow, French str., 1,591 tons, Capt. Morganti, from Hoihow, Taikoo Dock.—Sing Lee & Co.
Shantung, British str., 1,668 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Shun Lee, Chinese str., 949 tons, Capt. Miyake, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—Yee Tai Hong.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Chevalier, from Canton, buoy No. A10.—Sing Kee & Co.
Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. M. Byrne, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Tonkin, French str., 906 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Fort Bayard, buoy No. C2.—M. M. & Co.

Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons, Capt. J. Antunes, from K. C. Wan, buoy No. C1.—Wo Hop & Co.

Sunday, April 26.
Allpore, British str., 3,241 tons, Capt. Lyndon, from Singapore, buoy No. A2.—M. M. & Co.
Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,244 tons, Capt. B. Balt, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—Thoresen & Co.
Hatching, British str., 1,283 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

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Kalapoi, British str., 1,247 tons, Capt. Baldwin, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—Williamson & Co.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Kwaisang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.
Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Canton, buoy No. C6.—N.Y.K.
Mao Lee, Chinese str., 1,209 tons, Captain Y. Watanabe, from Amoy, buoy No. C3.—Yee Tai Hong.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,286 tons, Capt. T. Kuwamoto, from Hoihow, O. S. K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sancho Maru, Japanese str., 694 tons, Capt. B. Tauge, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Santos Maru, Japanese str., 4,387 tons, Capt. T. Nishimura, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Tijbandak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons, Capt. P. Lems, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

Tottori Maru, Japanese str., 3,700 tons, Capt. K. Imada, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tainan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

A VARIED CAREER.

OLD P.S.N. SHIP IN RUSSIAN ADVENTURES.

It is not often that a liner ordered for a company like the Pacific Steam Navigation Company has many interesting adventures in her life, but the Potosi, which was launched in 1900 by the firm that was then Wigham Richardson and Company, was an exception. As a matter of fact, she never flew the P.S.N. flag at sea, with the result that mention of her is frequently confused, with the newer ship of the same name, but her sister, the Galicia, is well known. While the Potosi was fitting out she attracted the attention of the Russian Volunteer Fleet officials, who bought her in September, 1900, and renamed her Kazan. Her P.S.N. fittings were ripped out, and she was given accommodation for 20 officers and 2,000 men, her real purpose being shown by the fact that as soon as she was delivered she was put under the command of the Russian Admiral of the Far East. She was one of the ships shut up in Port Arthur when the Japanese encircled the place, and fell into their hands on the evacuation, being chartered by the Navy Department, first to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and then to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, who ran her as the Kasado Maru. Uncle Sam took final possession of her in 1912, and she has been maintained on the Indian-Keelung and Hawaiian service. Now it is learned that she has just been broken up in Japan, where any number of well-known former British ships are going to their last berth. — Journal of Commerce.

GUARDIANS OF THE THAMES.

Conservancy Changes Since 1857.

One more chapter in the history of the administration of the River Thames was closed on March 31.

On that date the Thames Conservancy Board which, since 1857, has, in one shape or another, constantly preserved the amenities and maintained the uses of River, underwent its fifth metamorphosis. In some measure it assumed added importance to replace that of which it was deprived 21 years ago when the Port of London Authority was constituted.

The original Thames Conservancy Board, of which the present is the great-grandchild, was formed in 1857, and had charge of the whole of the River. It fulfilled duties which had appertained to the Lord Mayors of London since 1487.

The Board was reconstituted by Acts of Parliament in 1864, 1866, and 1894 and in 1910, when the Port of London Authority took over its duties below Teddington.

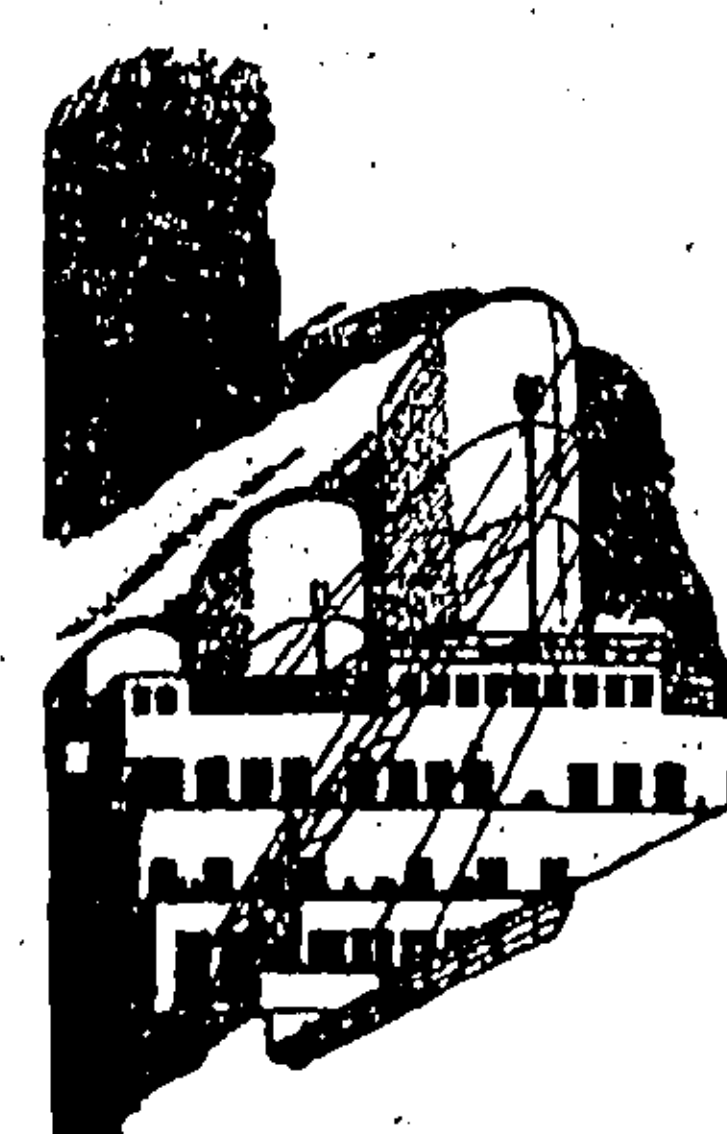
Since 1910 the Board has pursued an even course under the guidance of Lord Desborough.

The Local Drainage Act, under which the new Board is formed, provides for the increase of the membership from 28 to 84, but representation of London County Council and of City Corporation is to be reduced, in the first case from three to one, and in the second from two to one.

Three of the new members are appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture to represent internal drainage boards in the catchment area.

An official stated: "Apart from the loss of one or two old members we shall see very little change. In future, if you want to know anything about drainage, you will have to come to the Thames Conservancy Board." The Board will retain its name.

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Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 30	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 27	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25	Oct. 25
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TUESDAY, APRIL 28.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28.

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BIRTH.

JARVIS.—On April 25, at Vic-
toria Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs.
S. Jarvis, a son.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

The wedding ceremony of Mr.
Moy You-wan, native of Tai Shan
District, of No. 164, Tung Choi
Street, Mongkok, to Miss Mok
Yerk-lan, daughter of Mr. Mok
Chung-chow, native of Nam Hai
District, was held at the South
China Restaurant, China Building,
on April 12, 1931, and was cele-
brated by Mr. Law Lai-ming and
attended by a number of guests.

DEATH.

FOX.—William Walkinshaw Fox
passed away peacefully at 4.20
a.m. on the 27th instant at his
residence, 5, Ying Fai Ter-
race; aged 54.—Funeral will
pass the Monument at 5 p.m.
on the 28th instant.—(San
Francisco papers please copy.)

Hong Kong, Monday, April 27, 1931.

FILM FAKING.

A great deal of quite needless
controversy appears to have been
created as the outcome of the
Talkie, "Ingagi," which was
screened in the King's Theatre
last week and — be it noted — is
to be shown again to-morrow,
Wednesday and Thursday. The
critics do not make out a case
that can be regarded as one hun-
dred per cent. strong. It comes
as a wonderful "discovery" to
them to find that a film can be
partially or wholly faked, forget-
ful that that "art" is as old as
the silent films. "This is not
Hollywood: it is the real thing!"
exclaimed one correspondent,
whilst another, in the course of

a diatribe extending nearly three-
quarters of a column in length,
admits:—

Some place, somehow, the
producers unearthed some film
of hunting in America. The
film was so old it was forgot-
ten. It was faded — useless
in its present condition. It
was a disconnected, rambling
travelogue, but it could be
made to fit together with a
few inserts for connecting
links. A story could be woven
around the whole.

So one must conclude from
this voluntary piece of "evidence"
that some portions of the pro-
duction of "Ingagi" represent
actual jungle scenes in Africa.
And even the "disclosure" that
a lion in the Selig Zoo plays a
part in the Talkie discounts the
feelings of revulsion asserted to
have been caused by alleged in-
human cruelty to animals.

From the days of long ago
when adults and children gladly
paid good honest money to see
"Pepper's Ghost Illusion" has
faking been tolerated for the en-
tertainment of the masses. The
history of the silent films teems
with instances of faking by pro-
ducers, directors, and artists.

But for faking many pictures,
silent and talking, would lose a
great deal of their attraction.
Not so long ago a little girl was
depicted flitting about from
fresco to fresco in a huge audi-
torium as if in reality she "had
the wings of a dove." But she
had not, needless to say. It was
merely a trick of photography—
and a clever one at that. Did
cinema patrons wax hot with
indignation? Did they rush to
the newspapers with reams of
invective exposing this palpable
deception on the innocent public?
Did they suggest that the public
was really taken in and de-
frauded? Not at all! The child's
"turn" was pleasing and pictur-
esque. She provided harmless en-
tertainment — and what does
the public flock to cinemas for if
it is not to be entertained? The
truest test of a film, silent or
talking, is simply entertainment
— entertainment of a wholesome
nature, fit for impressionable
youth as well as for mature
adults. Is not the greatest fake
of all entertainment of the ages
the personation of Santa Claus
at Christmas? Even in this
great materialistic age, with
its craving for the substance
instead of the shadow, would the
antagonists of faking entertain-
ment seek for a moment to "out-
law" Santa Claus? The answer
to that is the answer to Talkie
film critics!

News in Brief.

The s.s. President Grant will sail
for New York via ports at 8 a.m.
to-morrow.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 71 degrees. The
humidity at 10 a.m. was 86 and at
4 p.m. 82.

Ho Fah (16) was taken to the
Government Civil Hospital by his
brother yesterday, suffering from a
fractured leg, caused by a fall at
108 Queen's Road West.

Silk forwarded from here by
Empress of Japan on April 1 ar-
rived in New York (St. John's
Park) and Hoboken on April 21,
having been 21 days in transit.

Mr. T. Summers and his wife,
who are en route to the United
States, arrived in Hong Kong by
the s.s. President Grant. Mr.
Summers is a writer for the Indian-
apolis News.

Cinema patrons are reminded
that "Tom Sawyer" will be shown
for the last time to-day in the
King's Theatre and, by special re-
quest, followed by the reappear-
ance of "Ingagi."

Mrs. T. Harrington and Miss
Dorothy, wife and daughter of Mr.
T. Harrington, Consul-General for
Great Britain in Manila, arrived on
a short vacation trip to Hong Kong
by the s.s. President Grant.

In the Sunday Herald report of
the Indian R.C. "at home" held on
Saturday, the letter of congratula-
tion to the Club from Dr. Ponsonby
Fane was really addressed to the
Captain and not to the President as
announced.

In an alleged attempt to commit
suicide, Chan Man-wa (36) de-
scribed as unemployed with no fixed
place of abode, jumped into the
harbour off Whitefield Road at 5.50
p.m. yesterday. He was rescued
by a Conservancy cooler, Wong Kan,
and later removed to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE.

AVIATION IN HONG KONG.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")
Sir,—Major Brasier-Creagh has
asked me to thank you for the
publicity which you have already
given to his efforts to encourage
aviation and air-mindedness in
Hong Kong.

As you are aware, the general
impression was that he is still
somewhat premature regarding
commercial aviation. There are
however, two points on which he
would like to record his personal
opinion; these are:

1. That the Flying Club, as a
Government-supported institu-
tion, must proceed at Govern-
ment pace and take no part in
commercial risks. It is only
an necessary to his plans.
2. Commercial aviation in Hong
Kong cannot be divorced from
commercial aviation in China
and Chinese capital and must,
therefore, proceed at Chinese
pace and in co-operation with
other Chinese needs.

During next month Major
Brasier-Creagh will be developing
plans in Canton, Swatow and Amoy,
and may have further news by the
end of May.

Meanwhile, he asks permission to
suggest that you will be helping
Hong Kong as a whole and the
Government and the Flying Club
incidentally by giving prominence
to aeronautical matters.

Yours, etc.,
M. C. G. GOMES.
(Secretary).

Hong Kong, April 27.

[We have always endeavoured to
give the local Flying Club and
aeronautical matters in gen-
eral every possible encourage-
ment by means of publicity in
the China Mail.—Ed. C.M.]

GIRL'S ADVENTURE.

STRUGGLE WITH UNCLOTHED INTRUDER.

Ronald Alaster Gosling aged 18,
clerk of Bina Gardens, South Ken-
sington, appeared at West London
Police Court on three charges of
breaking into a room at Bina Gar-
dens and stealing articles belonging
to Margaret Shield, a secretary.

Miss Shield said that she and a
friend were keeping watch at the
bath-room window, and heard a
noise on the roof. She went down-
stairs, opened her bedroom door,
switched on the light, and saw the
naked figure of a man in the room.
She did not see the intruder's face,
as his back was turned to her. She
caught hold of him, and he
struggled and hit her three times on
the face. He got out of the win-
dow, and she saw him climb over the
roof.

Allice Barbara Holt, an art
student of Bina Gardens, who kept
watch with Miss Shield, also gave
evidence.
Detective Sergeant Greenhill said
that when Gosling was examined at

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

INSPECTION TO-MORROW.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General
of Police, are as under:—
Hon. Inspector General of Police's
Inspection.

All ranks are reminded that a
general inspection of the whole
Police Reserve by the Hon. I.G.P.
accompanied by the Hon. Commis-
sioners of Police Reserve will take
place at Central Police Station to-
morrow at 5.30 p.m. All members
must attend. Dress—White uni-
form, belts without frogs and cap
with white cover.

Life Saving Classes.
A class for life saving will be
organised to take place at Police
Headquarters Gymnasium. The
class will be in charge of Police
Sergeant R. J. Hunt. All Police
Reservists who wish to join this
class are requested to send in their
names to their respective O.C.s.
not later than Thursday.

Police Training School.
There will be no classes at the
Police Training School to-morrow
owing to the General Inspection.

Chinese Company.
Annual Inspection. All ranks of
the Chinese Company are remind-
ed that the annual inspection by
the Hon. I.G.P. will take place to-
morrow at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress
—White uniform, belts without
frogs and cap with white cover.

Indian Company.
Annual Inspection. All ranks of
the Indian Company are remind-
ed that the annual inspection by
the Hon. I.G.P. will take place to-
morrow at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress
—White uniform, belts without
frogs and cap with white cover.

Flying Squad.
Annual Inspection. All ranks of
the Flying Squad are reminded
that the annual inspection by the
Hon. I.G.P. will take place to-
morrow at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress
—Khaki uniform and cap with
khaki cover.

There will be no instructional
patrol for the Kowloon Section to-
morrow owing to the General In-
spection.

The weekly instructional patrol
of the Hong Kong Section will take
place on Friday. Fall in at the
Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m.
sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform and
cap with khaki cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Annual Inspection.—Every mem-
ber of the Company must fall in at
Police Headquarters at 5 p.m. to-
morrow. Dress—Khaki uniform,
tunic, shorts, puttees, black boots,
belts, pouches, holsters, revolvers,
rifles and caps with khaki covers.
Miniature Range.—The Company
Rifle Club will carry out practice
on the miniature range on Thursday
at 5.15 p.m.
(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).

ESSAY CONTEST.

"TOM SAWYER" AS A PICTURE.

PRIZES OFFERED.

Lovers of Mark Twain's books,
admirers of the Talkie picture,
"Tom Sawyer," and all young
people should be keenly interest-
ed in the essay competition an-
nounced by the management of
the King's Theatre.

It is not required that compe-
titors should send in a masterly
literary effort. Just write in
your own words what you think
of "Tom Sawyer" as a picture.
Prizes will be given for the most
intelligent and interesting essays
sent in.

Essays must be limited to 500
words.

Entries must be written clear-
ly, on one side of the paper only.
Only persons under the age of
twenty years may enter.

Professional writers and em-
ployees of the King's Theatre are
debarred from entering.
The first prize is a gold medal,
and other prizes will be awarded
by merit.

Judging will be by the direc-
tors of the King's Theatre, and a
selected Committee of Journal-
ists and school teachers.

Entries must be forwarded not
later than two days after the final
showing of "Tom Sawyer."

The judges' decision will be
final.

Prize winners will be an-
nounced in the Sunday Herald or
China Mail. Mark the envelope,
"Essay Contest," King's Thea-
tre, Hong Kong.

The Winnipeg Heating Co. has
made application to the city or
Winnipeg for the extension of its
heating plant to take in another
large area. The estimated cost is
\$1,000,000.

The police station it was found that
his right knee and both his feet
were covered with dry sooty dirt.
Mr. Powell ordered a remand and
asked for a medical report.

WEDDINGS IN KOWLOON.

Two Ceremonies in Rosary Church.

SIMPSON—LOGOSH.

A wedding was solemnised in
the Rosary Church, Kowloon,
yesterday afternoon, the con-
tracting parties being Anna
Gregory Logosh, youngest daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Logosh,
of Habarovsk, Russia, and
William Charles Simpson, second
son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Simpson
of Plymouth, Devonshire, Eng-
land. The Very Rev. Father
G. M. Spada officiated.

The bride, who was given away
by Mr. Austin Spary, wore a dress
of white georgette and lace,
modelled by Tres Chic, Paris.
She was attended by the Misses
Babs Saunders and Lida Astahoff
as bridesmaids. They wore
Princess styled dresses of pink
georgette, and carried bouquets
of pink carnations. The Masters
Eddie Burford and Sonny Spary,
as pages, wore costumes in the
style of Little Lord Fauntleroy.

Mrs. A. Spary was matron of
honour, and she wore a dress of
mauve printed georgette.
After the ceremony, numerous
friends attended a reception held
at 4, Wing Lock Buildings, after
which the happy couple left for
their honeymoon at Taiipo. The
bride's travelling dress was of
green georgette and lace.

The bridegroom is a land bailiff
in the Public Works Department.

BROWN—MENDONCA.

At the Rosary Church, Kow-
loon, on Saturday afternoon,
Elizabeth Mendonca, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Mendonca,
was married to Mr. Richard
Peter Brown, a son of Mr. and
Mrs. John C. Brown.

The Very Rev. Father G. M.
Spada officiated.
The Misses Ella Betournay and
Anna Brown were bridesmaids,
whilst the bride was given away
by her father. Messrs. P. H. P.
Brown and C. Xavier were "best
men."

A reception was held at 13,
Queen's Terrace, Homunin,
where the friends of the happy
couple offered their felicitations.
The honeymoon is being spent
in Canton and Macao.

Forty Hours Working Week.

Amazing Proposals of Brunswick Government.

An amazing political situation
has arisen in Brunswick City and
State. Brunswick State is ruled
by a predominantly National-
Socialist Government but as a re-
sult of the March 1 elections the
Social-Democrats with the Com-
munists command the Municipal
majority. Contrary to general be-
lief, these two usually hostile
Parties have united on a common
programme of an ultra-radical
character, and will attempt to
force it through in the teeth of the
State Government.

The programme includes a forty
hours' working week, with forty-
eight hours' wages; the reduction
of high and the increase of low
salaries in the case of civil
servants; refusal to grant police
credits, free education for all; a
graduated income rate on all in-
comes over 5,000 marks yearly; a
special tax on the so-called luxury
apartments; an extensive building
scheme and the dismissal of all
civil servants of reactionary
opinions.

According to the annual report
of Benjamin Lawton, Alberta
game commissioner, 340 persons
or companies were operating fur
farms within the province in 1930.
On these farms were the follow-
ing animals: Muskies, 45,610;
silver foxes, 15,527; mink, 1,600;
cross foxes, 786; red cross foxes,
279; blue foxes, 455; rabbits, 409;
badgers, 152; beavers, 112; car-
cass sheep, 169; and smaller num-
bers of fisher, marten, raccoon,
skunk, fitch, coyote and lynx.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
April 27, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 1/2.

The departure from the Colony of
the Governor and Sir Robert Ho
Tung occurred so closely together
that the China Mail indulged in a
little intelligent anticipation. We
suggested that the voyage North of
both men at the same time was
not a coincidence, but that there
was business afoot.

The news since that they both
lunched with the President of China
on the same day has lent colour to
our suggestion.

The quidnuncs are declaring that
His Excellency has gone up to talk
about railway matters, but it will
afterward appear, we think, that he
had other "fish to fry." We are
bound to hear about it by-and-by.

LOCAL CURRENCY.

CHINESE OPPOSE A GOLD BASIS.

WAITING ON CANTON.

After a somewhat lengthy discussion on Saturday, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce decided to appoint a sub-committee of eight members to go thoroughly into the currency question, before submitting a report of the views of the Chamber to the Currency Commission now in the Colony.

Mr. Li Yick-mui presided, and there was a representative attendance of bankers and business men. The question of stabilisation was discussed from almost every angle. The weight of opinion seemed to be that stabilisation, or the adoption of a gold standard in Hong Kong, would be unwise at the moment.

It was pointed out that the interests of Hong Kong and China generally were inter-dependent. So long as Canton, in particular, retained a silver currency, it would not benefit the Colony to go on a gold basis.

It was the considered opinion of several of the speakers that Hong Kong should wait for China to make the first moves towards establishing a gold currency.

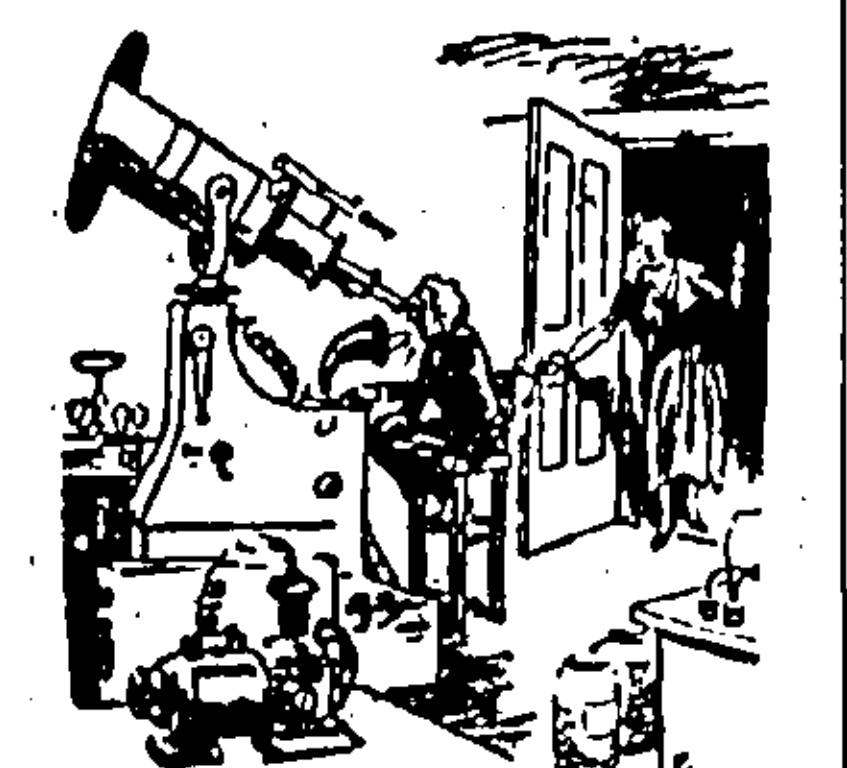
GRADUATES DINE.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI FOREGATHER.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME.

The University Graduates' Association held its first dinner on Saturday night in Messrs. Lane Crawford's Restaurant. The function was of a private nature, and about sixty members attended.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Hon. Dr. Fong Ping-sheung, LL.D., B.Sc. (Eng.), Mr. Harry



Professor's Wife: "You'll have to try talking to Mara now—you're wanted on the phone."—Everybody's Weekly, London.

Hong Sling, M.A., Vice-Chairman, presided, supported by Mr. Kwong Sik-kwong, B.A., (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. Li King-hong, B.A., (Hon. Treasurer). Members of the Committee are Dr. K. C. Yee, Miss Julia Lam, Dr. Chan Wai-cheung, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Mr. H. Braga, and Mr. William Hall.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-Chairman emphasised the importance of possessing a complete list of graduates and past students, for purposes of record, and for the added purpose of making the Association a powerful organisation.

A problem among many which the Association were trying to solve had called for a strong effort being made to qualify University graduates for appointment, as Chinese graduates of a British University, in departments of the Chinese Government. The question arose in connection with a scheme now under consideration by the Boxer Indemnity Commission.

Considerable discussion followed the Vice-Chairman's speech, mainly concerning the activities and scope of the Association. Later, a Sports Sub-Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Hachuma, Braga, and Dr. D. K. Samy.

ENGINEER'S DEATH.

Strain of Labour in Tropical Climate.

Mr. J. W. Beith, a British mining engineer in the employment of the Panama Corporation, has been found dead with a bullet wound in the head, according to a message from Panama City.

A note discovered near the body indicated that Mr. Beith had taken his life owing to depression induced by his labours in the tropical interior of Panama.

The Brandon Creamery and Supply Co., Ltd., has completed the entire remodelling of its plant at a cost of \$15,000. The retail milk business taken over from the City Dairy, Ltd., will be operated from the main plant and the premises north of the railway tracks retained for a section of the butter business.

I. R. C.

OPENING OF THE NEW PAVILION.

THIRST FOR SPORT.

"The opening of this Club today is the opening of a well at which you may quench your thirst for sport, and I sincerely hope you will drink deep and often at this well to sweeten its waters," picturesquely declared Mr. A. Arculli at Sookunpoo on Saturday when, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, he formally opened, with the turn of a silver key, the new pavilion of the Indian Recreation Club. Speaking in regard to prizes generally, Mr. Arculli trusted that the Club members would always uphold their reputation of being hard but sporting fighters, whose main objective was not the prize, but the sport itself.

The afternoon's sports. During the afternoon, a programme of sports was decided, and S. A. Rumjahn finished in great style in the 100 yards event final.

RESULTS.

100 Yards Flat Race:—1st, S. A. Rumjahn; 2nd, A. R. Suffad. Time: 11-1/5 secs.

Half-Mile Flat Race:—1st, A. T. Nomanbhoy; 2nd, M. el Arculli. Time: 2 mins. 27 secs.

Potato Race:—1st, S. A. Rumjahn; 2nd, D. Mohamed.

Egg and Spoon Race for competitors (30 years or over):—1st, R. Nazarin; 2nd, M. R. Deb.

Ladies' Nomination:—1st, J. A. Cassumbhoy and Miss Zofie Razack; 2nd, H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Gull.

100 Yards Handicap for competitors (40 years or over):—1st, Sirdar Khan; 2nd, R. Nazarin.

50 Yards Handicap for Boys and Girls (7 years or under):—1st, S. E. Bux; 2nd, S. A. K. Bux.

100 Yards Handicap for Boys (10 years or under):—1st, J. Kitchell; 2nd, O. Talip.

100 Yards Handicap for Girls (10 years or under):—1st, Alice Anderson; 2nd, Z. el Arculli.

100 Yards Handicap for Boys (15 years or under):—1st, A. B. Hassan; 2nd, S. Hassan.

Putting the Shot:—1st, Sirdar Khan; 2nd, Natha Singh.

Visitors' Race:—1st, J. O'Sullivan; 2nd, A. Hunt. Time: 11-1/5 secs.

Cricket Prizes.

1st XI.—Best Batting Average, F. D. Pereira; Highest Aggregate, A. H. Madar; Best Bowling Average, F. D. Pereira; Runner-up, A. R. Minu; Record 9th wicket partnership of 99 runs, A. K. Minu and O. Ismail.

2nd XI.—Best Batting Average, A. R. Suffad; Runner-up, E. Hiptulla; Best Bowling Average, F. M. el Arculli; Runner-up, A. S. Suffad.

Tennis Prizes.

Tennis League:—S. A. Rumjahn, C. A. L. Rumjahn, J. S. A. Curreen, I. M. A. Razack (absent), A. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Minu and H. D. Rumjahn.

Mixed Doubles League:—S. A. Rumjahn and Miss R. Rumjahn, C. A. L. Rumjahn and Mrs. McCaw, H. D. Rumjahn and Mrs. Gull.

Singles Championship:—C. A. L. Rumjahn (Winner); J. A. Cassumbhoy (Runner-up).

Doubles Championship:—S. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar (Winners); C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. Cassumbhoy (Runners-up).

Singles Handicap:—A. H. Madar (Winner); C. A. L. Rumjahn (Runner-up).

Doubles Handicap:—S. A. Rumjahn and Guburchan Singh (Winners); C. A. L. Rumjahn and Dr. H. el Arculli (Runners-up).

JAPANESE ART.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT MESSRS. KOMOR'S.

A joy for lovers of good pictures, painted by Japan's foremost artists—Terrauchi, Kobayashi, Iwasaki, and others—is in store when Komor & Komor's Spring exhibition of pictures opens on Wednesday for a week only.

There are about 200 pictures, all original paintings, and they are priced from \$3.50 to \$50.

Art lovers are advised to see the exhibition early, so as to have first choice in buying them.

The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Messrs. Komor & Komor's Art Rooms, St. George's Building, Chater Road.

The Regina Leader-Post's Commercial and Resources Review notes that the "population of the province (Saskatchewan) is distributed among eight cities, 30 towns, 375 incorporated villages and 101 municipalities. In 1905 there were only three cities, 16 towns, 63 incorporated villages and two rural municipalities.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

JOHN MACK BROWN IN "BILLY THE KID."

KAY JOHNSON APPEARS.

All the potentialities of a Western "bad man" are revived by John Mack Brown, who plays the title role in King Vidor's M-G-M, talkie production, "Billy the Kid" now being screened in the Queen's Theatre. Kay Johnson, who made a hit in "Dynamite" and also appeared in "Madam Satan," plays opposite Mack Brown.

The story is based on Walter Noble Burns' "The Saga of Billy the Kid," which recreates the character of William Bonney, who was reputed to be the most dangerous gunman of the West. Excitement is kept at a fast pace, as the film reveals a most dramatic escape from a jail, and the burning by night of a house by a notorious gang.

Wallace Beery is featured as the free-and-easy Sheriff, whilst Karl Dane, William Standing, and Warner P. Richmond, are among others who appear in the supporting cast.

The latest Hearst Metrotone newscast is shown, whilst the K.C.R. train disaster is also featured.

"THE BENSON MURDER CASE."

Who killed Anthony Benson? Baffling, intriguing, highly suspenseful, the latest exploit of Philo Vance, S. S. Van Dine's suave, sophisticated sleuth, "The Benson Murder Case" held audiences spellbound at its opening performance in the Central Theatre last night. William Powell again plays the role he made famous in "The Canary Murder Case" and "The Greene Murder Case."

STABILISATION WARNING.

The Public Letter to THE CURRENCY MISSION

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der Case." This is the most thrilling of the three.

Eugene Pallette, as Sergeant Heath, again blunders his way through a maze of misleading clues, while E. H. Calvert, playing the district attorney for the third time, frantically seeks a solution to a startling crime. Philo Vance furnishes the solution, and in doing it, supplies one of the most highly satisfactory pieces of entertainment that has been seen here for some time. Paul Lukas is also in the cast.

Those who have read S. S. Van Dine's best seller novel may guess the solution before the final smashing climax, but Vance defies anyone else to out-guess him, and rightly so.

"THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS."

Whenever making motion pictures gets dull, Harry Beaumont ought to be able to get a job running a modiste's shop or staging fashion shows.

In his last picture, Beaumont drew gasps from feminine members of audiences with a sensational style revue in "Our Blushing Brides." Now in "Those Three French Girls," which will open on Thursday in the Queen's Theatre, the noted Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer director presents new modes and models in the ultra-fashionable Paris modiste shop scenes.

Reginald Denny and Fifi Dorsay are featured in the hilarious Cosmopolitan farce comedy and the supporting cast includes Cliff (Ukulele Ike) Edwards, Yola d'Avril, Sandra Ravel, Edward Brophy, George Grossmith and Patsy Cawthorne.

The story is an original with dialogue by P. G. Wodehouse, noted British humorist.

RENEGADES

COMING 7.7.7

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

WEATHER PERMITTING, it is proposed to hold the remaining Semi-Final and Finals on the stand court at 4.30 p.m. on the following days:—

Monday, April 27.
M. W. Lo v. E. C. Fincher.

Thursday, April 30,
Final of Open Singles.

Friday, May 1,
Semi-Final of Doubles.

Monday, May 4,
Final of Open Doubles,
and Prize-Giving.

Seats including tax, \$1—booking at Moutrie's, and on the ground from 4.30 p.m. on the day of the match.

A full list of the matches arranged for next week is exhibited in the Club Pavilion, and all competitors are requested to acquaint themselves with the dates on which they are down to play. Competitors failing to play off their matches as arranged, will be scratched without further notice.

By Order,
E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, April 26, 1931.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on MONDAY, the 4th MAY, 1931, at 4.45 p.m. in the OFFICES of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, to nominate a Member of the Chamber to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes as representative of the Chamber on the Legislative Council.

In compliance with By-Law 30, notice in writing of the Names of Candidates and their proposers and seconders must be lodged with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th April, 1931.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Tom Sawyer." Theatre;

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Billy the Kid." Theatre;

To-day—Central Theatre; "The Benson Murder Case." Theatre;

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Hit the Deck." Theatre;

To-day—World Theatre; "Hwang Tien Poh." (Chinese picture).

Lammert's Auctions.

To-morrow—At 39, Humphray's Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At 5A, Luna Buildings, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

May 2—At 74A Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Grant), 6 p.m.

Meeting.

To-day—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture by Professor R. K. M. Simpson, at University Arts Association meeting, 8.30 p.m.

A record in lamb production is claimed for William Blance, a farmer in the Spring Coules district, 30 miles south-west of Lathbridge. Among his flock of Rambouillet sheep, four ewes each gave birth to triplets and one to quadruplets with only one death among the "babies."

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 2nd May, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

No pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Pic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th April, 1931.

Copies of the exclusive pictures

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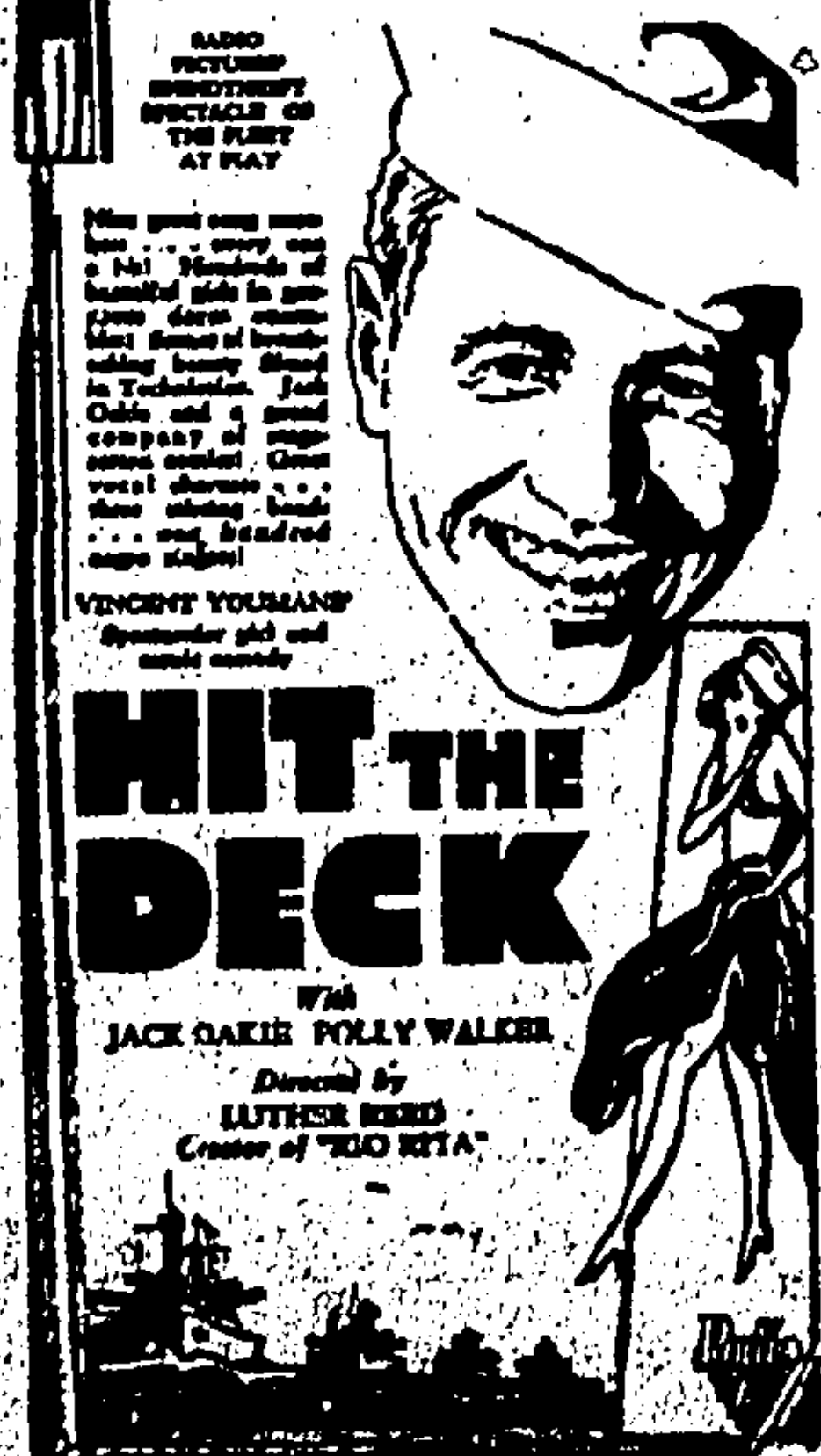
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HOME FOOTBALL.

WINNERS OF ENGLISH CUP.

GREAT GAME AT WEMBLEY.

London, Saturday.
Last year's gate for the final of the English Cup was easily eclipsed to-day at Wembley in the all-Birmingham final which was played between Birmingham and West Bromwich Albion.

The match was a thrilling one throughout — quite up to the standard of any previous final. Birmingham folk were there to a man, partisanship being at a very high pitch throughout. Sentiment generally was on the side of Birmingham, whose name has yet to be engraved on the Cup; but their city opponents, the "Throstles," by no means lacked supporters who considered them quite capable of repeating their Cup success of as far back as 1892 when they beat Aston Villa at Kennington Oval by 3-1.

The result was:
West Bromwich Albion .. 2
Birmingham .. 1
The following shows the respective routes to the final:—

Birmingham.	
3rd Round—v. Liverpool ..	2-0
4th Round—v. Port Vale ..	2-0
5th Round—v. Watford ..	3-0
6th Round—v. Chelsea ..	2-2
Semi-Final—v. Sunderland ..	2-0
replay ..	3-0

Total .. 14 goals to 2

West Bromwich Albion.	
3rd Round—v. Charlton ..	2-2
replay ..	1-1
4th Round—v. Tottenham ..	1-0
5th Round—v. Portsmouth ..	1-0
6th Round—v. Wolves ..	1-1
replay ..	2-1
Semi-Final—v. Everton ..	1-0

Total .. 12 goals to 6

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Aston Villa	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Bolton	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Chelsea	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Grimsby	6	1	1	1	1	1	10
Huddersfield	3	2	1	1	1	1	10
Middlesbrough	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Newcastle U.	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Sheffield W.	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
West Ham	0	2	1	1	1	1	10

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Aston Villa	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Wednesday	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Huddersfield	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Portsmouth	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Derby	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Middlesbrough	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Blackburn	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Liverpool	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sunderland	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Chelsea	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Bolton	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sheffield U.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Leicester	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Grimsby	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
West Ham	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Newcastle	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Birmingham	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Blackpool	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Leeds	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
M'chester U.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	5	1	1	1	1	1	10
Burnley	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Millwall	0	2	1	1	1	1	10
Notts F.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Oldham	3	2	1	1	1	1	10
Preston	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Reading	3	1	1	1	1	1	10
Southampton	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Tottenham	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Wolves	4	1	1	1	1	1	10

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Tottenham	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
West Brom.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Port Vale	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Wolves	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Bradford	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Southampton	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Bradford C.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Preston N.E.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Burnley	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Oldham	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Stoke	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Bury	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Charlton	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Millwall	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Ristol C.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Notts Forest	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Barnsley	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Plymouth	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Swansea	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Reading	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Cardiff	4	1	1	1	1	1	10

Division III—South.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford	5	1	1	1	1	1	10
Brighton	3	2	1	1	1	1	10
Bristol R.	4	1	1	1	1	1	10
Crystal Palace	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Exeter	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Gillingham	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Luton	3	1	1	1	1	1	10
Newport	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Northampton	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Southend	1	2	1	1	1	1	10
Torquay	0	2	1	1	1	1	10

BOXING.

KID BERG K.O. IN THREE ROUNDS.

BRITISH HOPES DASHED.

Chicago, Saturday.
In a contest for the world's lightweight boxing championship held here (in the Stadium) to-day, the Italian-American, Tony Canzoneri, knocked out the British boxer, Kid Berg, in the third round.

Canzoneri, by his victory, amply avenged himself for his defeat by Berg in January last, and dashed his hopes of regaining a title for Britain with a smashing right cross to the jaw after 2 minutes, 23 seconds of fighting in the third round. Canzoneri took the offensive from the start, raining a tattoo of blows to the head and body with both fists, to which onslaught the British boxer was unable to find an effective reply. Berg warmed up in the second round, employing whirlwind tactics which drove the title-holder into a corner, where the Briton continued to rain in a succession of body blows. Canzoneri replied pluckily with well-directed swings and crosses, giving evidence that he was going for a knockout.

The men mixed it freely in the third round, until the deciding punch, from which Berg gallantly, but in vain, strove to rise, amidst a terrific uproar from the 11,000 spectators.

Prominent people at the ring-side included Anton Cermak, newly-elected Mayor of Chicago, Max Schmeling, world's heavyweight champion, Young Stribling, prominent heavyweight contender, and the Chairman of the National Boxing Association, besides hundreds of Chicago Society people.

Berg has only been beaten once previously in America—by Billy Petrolle, in 1928.—Reuter's American Service.

ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

American Zone Final of Davis Cup.

ONLY ONE MATCH.

Santiago, Yesterday.
In the Davis Cup final in the American Zone Argentina beat Chile in the doubles match. The first two singles matches should have been played on April 24 but were postponed owing to an injury to one of the Chilean players.—Reuter's American Service.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS.

TOURNEY "SEMI" AND FINAL DATES.

It is announced that the remaining semi-final and finals in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament will be played on the stand court, weather permitting, commencing to-day with the M. W. Lo—E. C. Fincher match. On Thursday the final of the Open Singles will be played, followed by the semi-final and final of the doubles on Friday, May 1, and Monday, May 4, respectively. All the matches are scheduled to begin at 4.30 p.m.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

NAVY'S OVERWHELMING DEFEAT OF POLICE.

BORDERERS VANQUISHED.

The final curtain is quickly falling on local football. On Saturday only two matches were decided. Kowloon further enhanced their prospects of being runners-up to South China by defeating the Borderers by three goals to one—a score which, however, flattered the Peninsula eleven. In the other Division I game the Navy once more showed themselves to be in their best form, and trounced the Police by the overwhelming margin of five goals to nil. In spite of their defeat, the Police played pluckily and often combined skilfully. Skinner, who scored four goals and paved the way for the other, gave a brilliant individual performance.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

League—Division I.	
Police	0
Kowloon	3
GOAL SCORERS.	
Skinner (Navy)	4
Kirkby (Navy)	1
Pile (Kowloon)	1
Dominay (Kowloon)	1
Hedley (Kowloon)	1
Davies (Borderers)	1

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.							Goals.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	19	16	1	2	63	19	33
Kowloon	19	12	4	3	40	27	28
Argylls	19	12	2	5	43	32	26
Navy	19	11	2	6	61	33	24
Athletic	19	10	1	8	35	27	21
Recreio	19	9	1	8	31	31	18
Borderers	19	8	2	7	35	26	18
R.A.	19	5	1	12	21	54	11
Police	20	4	2	14	25	39	10
Club	18	4	2	12	14	46	10
* St. Joseph's	20	3	0	17	22	56	6
* Withdrawn from the League.							

* Withdrawn from the League.

Division II.							Gols.	Pts.
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.		
Borderers	22	17	0	5	89	25	19	34
Navy	22	17	0	5	89	25	19	34
Eastern	22	14	4	4	44	18	32	
Argylls	22	14	4	4	45	28	32	
Club	22	11	4	7	39	29	26	
Athletic	22	10	4	8	29	32	24	
St. Joseph's	22	8	3	11	30	41	19	
University	21	7	4	10	34	32	18	
Kowloon	22	6	5	11	22	41	17	
South China	22	4	4	14	23	51	12	
* R.A.	22	3	0	19	9	45	6	
* Recreio	22	0	3	19	9	50	3	
* Withdrawn from the League.								

* Withdrawn from the League.

Division III.							
		Goals					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.A.O.C.	16	13	1	2	48	15	27
Borderers	16	11	1	4	48	19	23
R.E.	16	8	2	6	27	27	18
Fukien	16	7	2	7	30	35	18
South China	16	5	4	7	28	35	14
* Ewo	16	0	2	8	19	25	14
R.A.P.	16	0	1	15	8	32	12
* Abellie	16	0	1	15	9	29	11
R.A.S.C.	16	0	1	15	27	59	9
Expelled from the League.							
§ Withdrawn from the League.							

* Expelled from the League.

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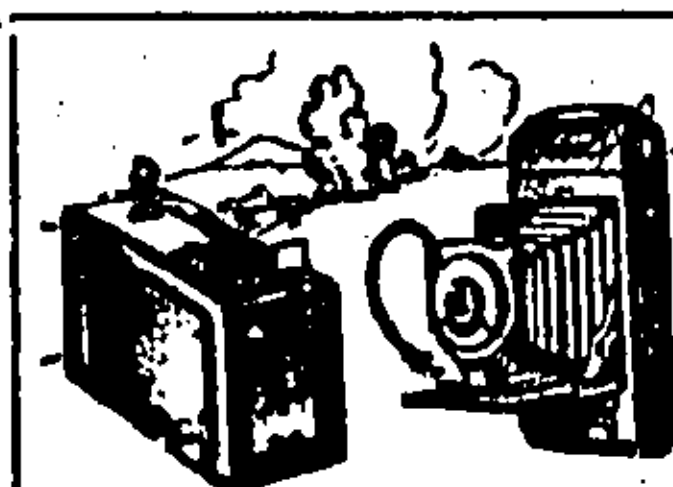
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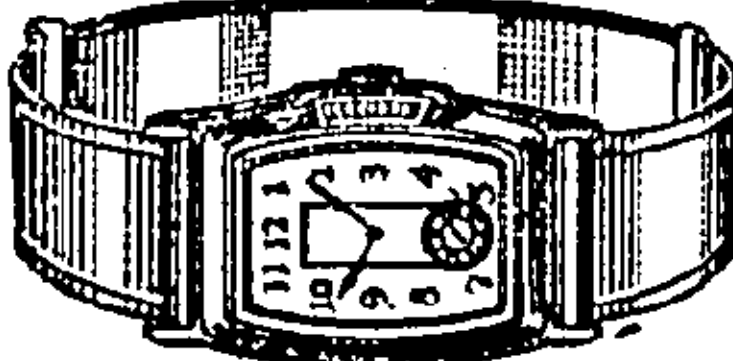
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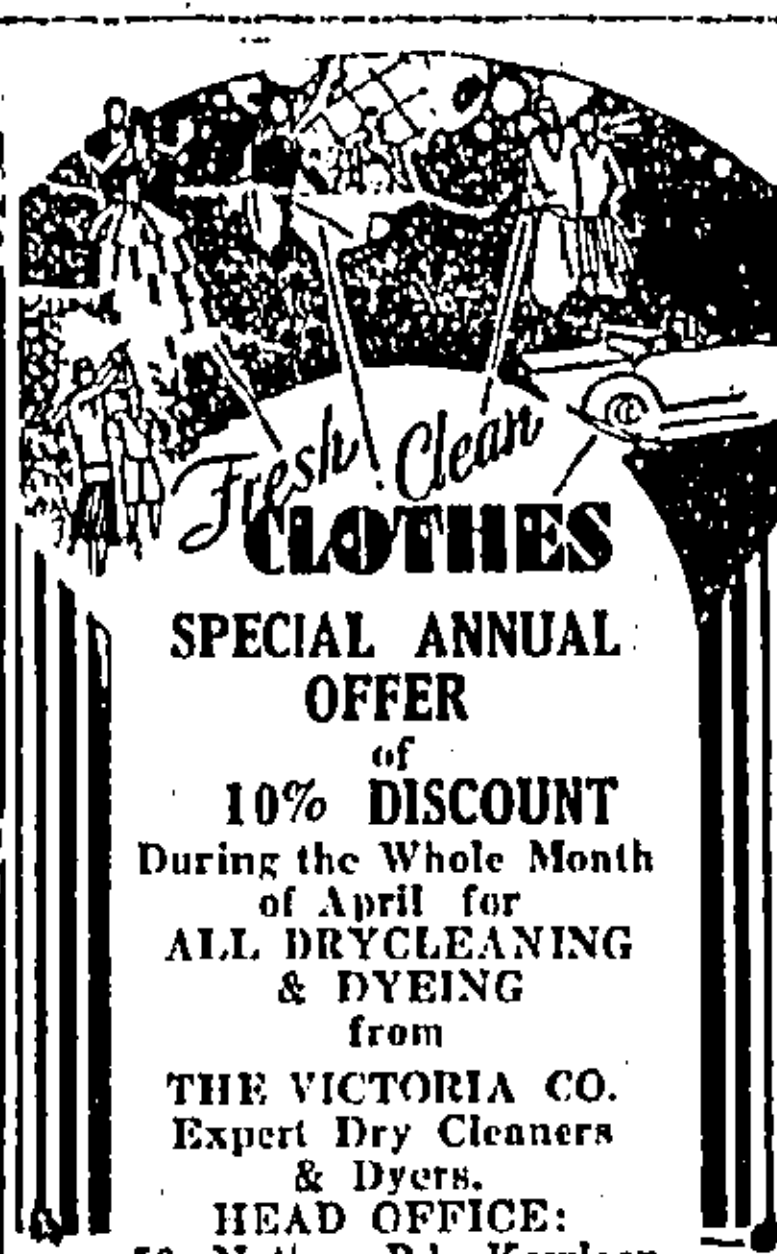
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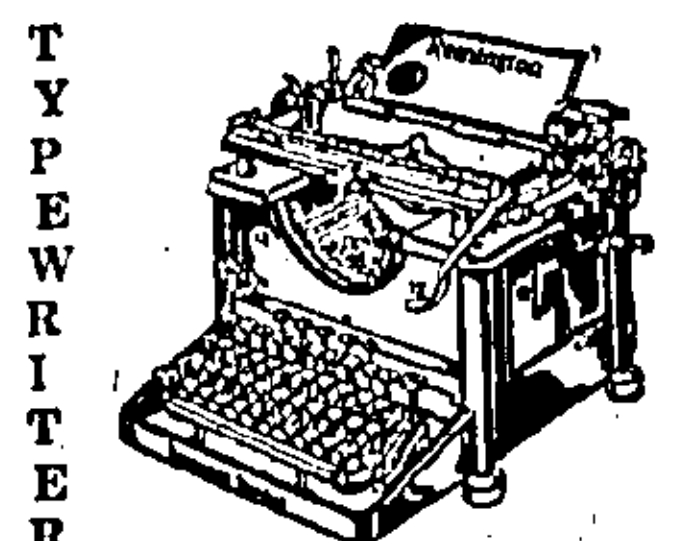
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THE KIT-CAT MAY CLOSE.

Restaurant's Future
Undecided.

The Kit-Cat Restaurant in the
Haymarket, one of London's most
fashionable establishments, opened
its doors on March 14 for an
hour and a half only.

Soon after eight o'clock the
uniformed cloak-room attendants
and a handful of waiters were on
duty, and the establishment was
opened.

The tables in the Tudor Room
on the ground floor were laid as
usual, but all the other rooms,
except the lounge, were in dark-
ness.

A few customers arrived but de-
parted on being informed that
there would be no cabaret, no
dancing, and no band.

At 9.30 the head waiter left, and
the other waiters began to strip
the tables of their linen and
cutlery. The order to turn out the
lights and close was given by the
manager a few minutes after ten
o'clock.

The management, by opening
the restaurant for a few hours,
prevented the lapse of the licence,
which requires that the establish-
ment shall be open to the public
for some period every day.

The first persons to be given an
inkling of anything unusual hap-
pening were the members of the
band, and the cabaret artistes.
When they arrived they found
waiters walking about in their
private clothes, attendants folding
up their uniforms, and chairs and
tables in disorder everywhere.

They were told by a representa-
tive of the management that their
services would not be required that
day or the next, and were request-
ed to call again the next day, when
it was expected a board meeting of
the Kit-Cat Company would be
called.

The staff were retained for the
evening, and at the last moment
were informed that they "would
not be required on Sunday."

Most of the staff had been
paid their wages, but a number
who were on a separate pay-
roll were asked to "call" for
their money. Several mem-
bers of the staff called at the
restaurant to fetch belongings
they had left there.

It is understood that the ques-
tion of the future of the restaurant
will be decided at a board meet-
ing. The ground rent alone of the
establishment is \$7,000 a year.

LOCUST SWARMS 30 MILES LONG.

Invasion Takes Place
Every 13th Year.

Swarms of locusts thirty miles
long, coming from Arabia, were a
feature of the report made by Mr.
Ballard, of the Plant Protection
Society, at the locust conference
in Baghdad at which all the Middle
East States were represented.

Mr. Ballard pointed out that the
home of the locust is the Sudan.
It travels to Arabia and from
there to Palestine. He said that
locust invasions on a large scale
appeared to take place every thir-
teen years. Records available
only go back as far as 1790, but
from that time to the present day
every thirteen years has seen an
invasion. Biblical records, of
course, show that the plague goes
back to the beginning of history.

Coming to recent times, there
was a slight disturbance in the
locust world in 1927, which was
probably the vague stirring which
preceded the invasion of two years
later. In April, 1928, locusts were
more active and some swarms en-
tered Arabia and laid their eggs
there. In October, 1929, the ad-
vance guard of the invasion moved
north and by the following
March the whole peninsula was
swarming with the insects. The
poets then constituted a very seri-
ous menace to the Nile Valley and
it was only the desperate efforts
made to destroy them which saved
Egypt.

A small conference was held in
February, 1929, at which repre-
sentatives of Eritrea, Egypt and
the Sudan met and discussed the
question as it touched their own
territories. The results obtained
in respect of information, the
matter of pooling intelligence and
warnings, were excellent and led
Mr. Ballard to suggest to the
Egyptian Government that a full-
scale conference should be held this
year. The suggestion was approv-
ed and thus the recent conference
was held.

When the conference opened it
was found that all the delegates
were of the same opinion regard-
ing the paths followed by locusts.
The insects breed in the Sudan
in the late summer, pass into
Arabia, by way of Eritrea, and the
Red Sea and then on north.

Not Heard of Before.
That the invasion should have
commenced as early as October
was very exceptional, and Mr.
Ballard said that some of the more

elderly inhabitants were greatly
perturbed and could not remem-
ber, "come man, come boy," such
a thing happening before. The
usual time of the year for the
swarms to appear is between
February and April.

The locusts breed in the Sum-
mer in the Sudan, the progeny
pass into Arabia and then lay
their eggs. The hoppers begin to
fly in the late Spring and it is
then that they are exceptionally
dangerous. It is a pheno-
menon with locusts that their
paths are almost constant. They
perhaps move with the prevailing
winds and swing from countries
with Summer rain to those where
it rains in the Winter, as it is
essential that they should find
sufficient moisture.

Regarding the possibility of an
invasion this year, Mr. Ballard
could not say, but thought that as
such damage was done to them
last year and so many millions
were destroyed, and also as there
was a highly successful campaign
in the Sudan later in the year, it
would be surprising if large num-
bers did appear.

The main difficulty, he said, lies
in Arabia. No adequate measures
are yet taken in that country, and
it is not possible to tell what will
come out of it. Mr. Ballard stated
that a swarm thirty miles long
came from Arabia during the past
invasion. It is absolutely in-
credible to anyone who had no ex-
perience of an invasion, and, in
reality means nothing, for the
imagination shies at anything so
staggering and cannot grasp its
implication.

BOOTLEGGERS USE GAS.

Coastguards Overcome in Chase
At Sea.

An indication of the intensity of
the warfare carried on by rum-
runners with the coastguardmen,
is the fact that for the first time
in the history of the long struggle
between the forces of law and law-
lessness, poison gas has made its
appearance.

Two coastguardmen were ill re-
cently from the effects of toxic
vapours which they are convinced,
were shot towards them during a
half-hour's chase.

The rum-running vessel, which
was chased by a coastguard boat,
was driven to Staten Island and
beached. The rumrunners poured
petrol on her decks and set her on
fire, afterwards making their
escape across the island.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of H.M.V. & Victor Re-
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7.03-7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Come West Little Girl, Come West,
I'm Bringing a Red, Red Rose,
George Olsen & His Music
(21808).

Song—
Beyond the Blue Horizon,
Jeanette MacDonald, Soprano
(22514).

Banjo Solo—
Lolly Pop,
Harry F. Reser (20439).

Orchestral—
99 Out of a Hundred Wanna be
Loved, Rudy Vallee and His
Connecticut Yankees
(22511).

Vocal Duet—
Would You Like to Take a Walk?
Julie Sanderson and Frank
Crumit (22630).

Pipe Band—
Bonnie Jockey,
Irish Piper's Band of Boston
(20721).

7.30-8 p.m.—A Selection of Sul-
livan's music played by the Band
of His Majesty's Coldstream
Guards.
"Iolanthe," "Pirates of Penzance,"
"The Sorcerer," "Trial by Jury,"
"Patience" (1386, 1435 & C1274).
8 p.m.—Local Time, Weather
Report, etc.

8.05-8.38 p.m.—
Double Concerto in A Minor
(Brahms), Op. 102,
Jacques Thibault (Violin),
Pablo Casals (Cello), and
the Pablo Casals Orchestra
conducted by Alfred
Cortot (M99).

8.38-9 p.m.—Operatic.
Traviata—Now Command Me (Verdi),
Madam Amelita Galli-Curci
and Giuseppe De Luca with
the Orchestra (6099).

Martha—Goodnight Quartet (Pizzoni),
Aida-Jacoby-Carus-Journet
(10003).

(This record is by special request.)
Carmen—Toreador Song (Bizet),
Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone
(8124).

Tannhauser (Wagner)—
Prelude to Act 3,
Symphony Orchestra (9028).

9-10 p.m.—A Concert.
Piano Solo—
Ballad No. 3 (Chopin),
Benno Moiseiwitch (D1370).

Song—
Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood),
Pablo Casals (Cello), and
the Pablo Casals Orchestra
(Santerson).

Instrumental Trio—
To a Wild Rose (MacDowell),
The Venetian Trio (20894).

Song—
The Gentle Maiden (Somervell),
Walter Glynn, Tenor (B3210).

Violin Solo—
Jota (da Falla),
Serenade Española
(Glazunov-Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (1504).

Song—
Little Brown Owl (Sanderson),
The Cuckoo (Lehmann),
Mavis Bennett, Soprano
(B2190).

Piano Solo—
Sonata in A Major (Scriabin),
Eccosaie (Beethoven),
Mischa Levitzki (E537).

Song—
Fisherman of England (Phillips),
Young Tom O' Devon (Russell),
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone
(B3301).

Instrumental Trio—
Mirage (Contes),
I Zingari (Leoncavallo),
De Groot (Violin), David
Bor (Piano), H. M.
Calve (Cello).

10-10.30 p.m.—Orchestral.
Irish Rhapsody (Victor Herbert),
Victor Symphonie Orchestra
(35997).

Fountains of Rome (Respighi),
London Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Albert
Coates (D1429).

The Daughter of the Regiment
(Donizetti),
La Scala Orchestra, Milan,
directed by Gabriele
Sanfili (C1654).

In a Clock Store (Orth),
New Light Symphony Orch.
(C1308).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

AFRICAN NATIVE MUSIC.

A Professor's Research
Tour.

Professor Percival Kirby, who
holds the Chair of Music at Wit-
watersrand University, has just re-
turned from a research tour in
Bechuanaland, in connection with
his important thesis on the music
of native peoples for the Carnegie
Foundation.

Professor Kirby has now visited
Zululand, Sekukuniland, Northern
Transvaal and the borders of the
Kalahari desert, having travelled
several thousand miles and collect-
ed over one hundred native musical
instruments and noise machines.
His collection is now housed in a
departmental museum of the Uni-
versity.

Professor Kirby recently made
the quaint discovery that certain
tribesmen in Zululand and
Bechuanaland play the bones, for-
merly exploited by Christy min-
strels. The native playing, how-
ever, is musically indigenous to
the territories. Professor Kirby
has made a set of rare bushman
records of music played on the
gorgh instrument. He considers
that his researches will not be
completed under two years.

TEN-MILE RACE WITH CAPE COW.

Story Too Ludicrous to
Be Believed.

"The accused's defence is ludi-
crous in the extreme. He expects
us to believe that a Cape cow,
which he says cost Rs.400 and
must, therefore, have been a very
good milker and in proportion a
large cow, ran along the roads for
about ten miles with the accused
in pursuit. The animal was in his
view all the time and he indicated
with his hand that it was quite
close to him all the while, but he
could not catch it because he was
tired."

"I find myself unable to accept
this absurd story," said Mr. Mer-
vyn Joseph, the Colombo Muni-
cipal Magistrate in convicting a
milkman named Muthusamy
Thevar, on a charge of having led
a Cape cow suspected to be suffer-
ing from foot and mouth disease,
along Kuruppo Road, without a
permit from the chairman of the
Colombo Municipal Council.

The magistrate, says the Ceylon
Daily News, sentenced the accused

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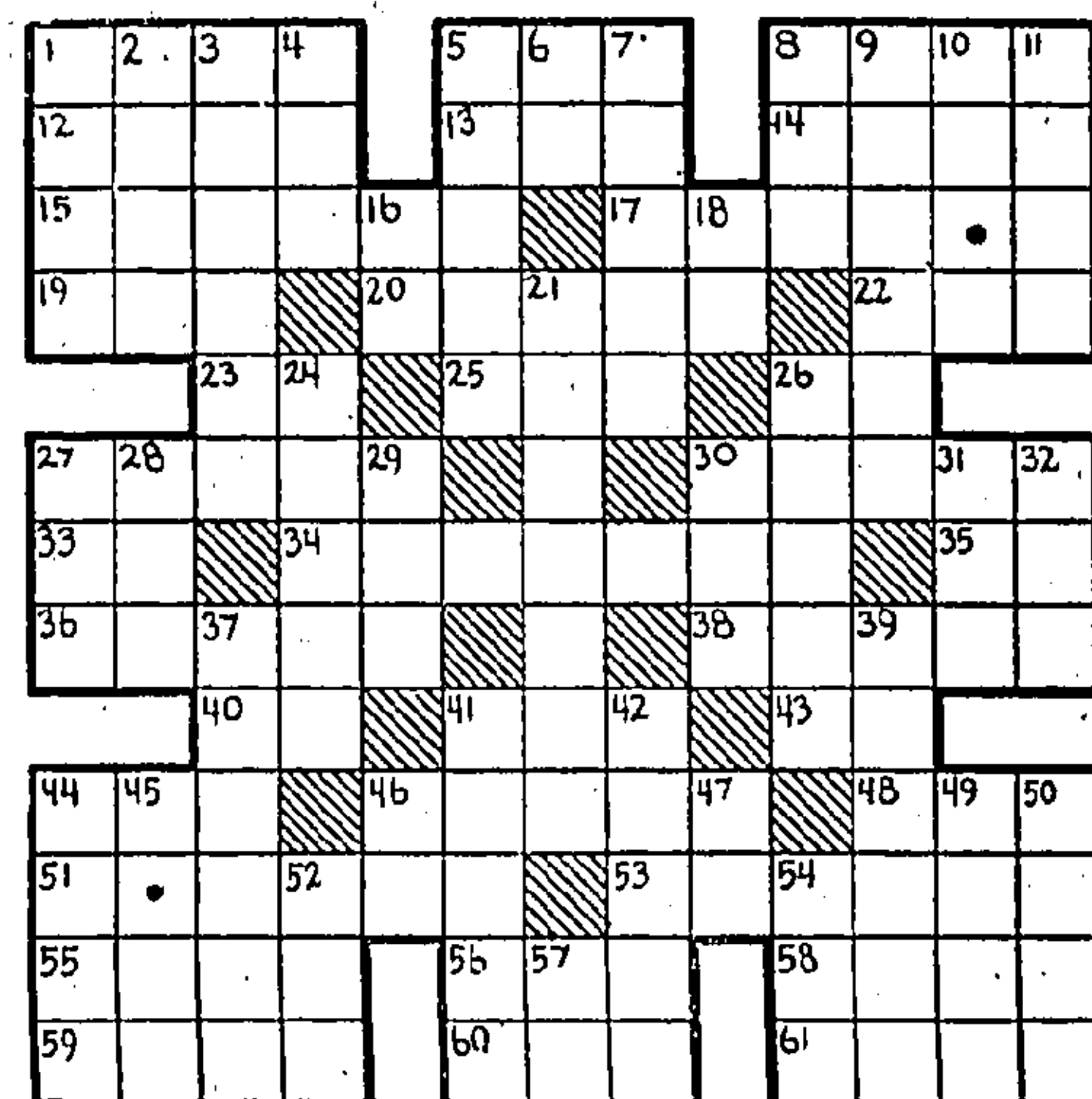
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

- HORIZONTAL**
- Hub of a wheel
 - Prefix, twice
 - To pierce
 - Large lake
 - Insect
 - Melody
 - Active power
 - Penetrates
 - Measure of weight
 - An island on the Gulf of Riga
 - Manuscript (abbr.)
 - A negative
 - Child's father
 - Army Order (abbr.)
 - A dish
 - Mistake
 - Three-toed sloth
 - Plays aimlessly
 - Musical note
 - To guide one's course
 - A flower (pl.)
 - Either
 - Army Ordinance Department (abbr.)
 - A continent (abbr.)
 - Grass
- VERTICAL**
- The record of a single year
 - Liquid measure (abbr.)
 - To be distressed
 - To interfere confidently
 - Fallifier
 - General of Confederate Army
 - Letter of alphabet
 - Manuscript (abbr.)
 - A negative
 - Child's father
 - Army Order (abbr.)
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.

PLUMBER UPSTAIR
RANAL R AREA
OMITTED LATERAN
METAL ARK
TAVERNS SUGGER
E ELITE ERIE D
D VERST STEEL S
INTERIOR TORRENT
SOP PAPAME I R
SOUL NERVE SEE
EMULATE ERASURE
NERGIC ADDRESS

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in
our reservoirs on April 1, 1931, is as
under—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	14' 7" 20' 11"	14' 7" 20' 11"
Tytam Byewash	22' 0" 25' 17"	22' 0" 25' 17"
Tytam Intermediate	23' 5" 28' 0"	23' 5" 28' 0"
Tytam Tuk	23' 5" 28' 0"	23' 5" 28' 0"
Wong Nei Chung	28' 8" 28' 10"	28' 8" 28' 10"
Pokfulam	17' 7" 22' 7"	17' 7" 22' 7"
Total	761.10	864.40
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions of gallons	1930	1931
Tytam	272.35	193.20
Tytam Byewash	1.57	88
Tytam Intermediate	13.50	12.70
Tytam Tuk	437.90	582.50
Wong Nei Chung	5.98	5.57
Pokfulam	29.00	19.45
Total	761.10	864.40

FINDING BURIED
TOMBS.Novel Methods of
Excavation.

HELD IN DERISION.

She is a small dark peasant girl barely in her twenties, with thick and short black hair and dark lively eyes, and she walks quickly over the ground, her arms stretched in front of her holding a V-shaped elm twig sharply pointed where the two joints meet. Suddenly the twig points backwards, then forwards, and swings right round between her hands. Without wasting a moment she puts a heel where the rod has pointed. A man follows her with a bundle of little flagpoles like those on a golf course and sticks one in by her heel. On she goes, and the rod again begins to dance; another flagpole, and yet another, until a rectangular space has been neatly mapped out by the poles, and her work for the moment is finished. Then the diggers come. And after two days they find an Etruscan tomb just where she had divined it to be!

Fact Or Fancy?

This work is going on every day at Capena, under the shadows of Mount Soracte, some thirty miles north-east of Rome. How much of all this is of any value and how much delusion is difficult to ascertain. Following the English method the Italian authorities have taken a number of aerial photographs of the whole district where the Etruscan city of Capena once stood. And from these there is clear evidence of many tombs, streets, house foundations, and drains at various levels ranging from two to fifteen feet below the present level of the ground. It is virgin soil for archaeologists and full of promise; in fact one of them was heard to whisper as he followed the peasant girl who "divines" the tombs right and left on this ground, "If I were blindfolded I could point to a tomb right and left on this ground."

So far very little of real value has been excavated. The Etruscan tombs at Cerveteri, with their lovely dark red walls and stucco relief work, are much finer and their treasures of brass and pottery from the tombs of Etruria more beautiful than any yet found at Capena in the museum of the Villa Giulia in Rome.

Metal Divining.

So for the present interest is centred round the novel method of excavation and the supposed gifts of the young woman. Her own story is a simple one. She tells how she used to suffer from nervous shocks in the fields, and no doctor was able to find anything wrong with her. One day near Grosseto she saw a water-diviner at work. "Let me try," she said, and borrowing his divining-rod she proved at once to be an expert at the job. But her speciality is metal and minerals. That is why the Etruscan tombs, which always contain some metal objects, have become for the time being her special province. "If there is metal under me," she says, "I have a sort of electric shock, but if it is gaseous ground with petrol fumes then I feel faint."

One learns it is this last sensation which is the great attraction of Signorina Mataloni, for she has been chartered exclusively by the Radio Company in Rome for their research work round the small lake of Leprignano five miles from Capena. The excavation of the Etruscan tombs is a hobby of the company; their real hopes are centred at Leprignano. No wonder then that the archaeologists, Roman and foreign, do not take it all very seriously.

DEMPSEY SEEKS A DIVORCE.

Former Champion Arrives
At Reno.

Reno, Nevada, April 11.
The presence here to-day of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, caused great speculation and revived reports that he has come to the divorce capital of America to obtain a divorce from Miss Estelle Taylor, popular motion picture actress.

Newspaper reporters eagerly questioned the one-time "Manassa Mauler." But they obtained little information for their trouble. "There is a possibility that I will obtain a divorce but let's not talk about it," was all that Mr. Dempsey would say before he went into a huddle in his lawyers' corner—United Press.

Alberta shipped 115 cars of eggs eastward in 1930, according to R. H. Ensmore, federal egg inspector, who added that the months of January and February this year had apparently been record ones in egg production.

CHINA AS UNIVERSAL
PROVIDER.Dr. Lavington Hart's
Forecast.

"If in a year or two's time the public wants an equestrian statue, it might be rather a good thing to turn to China for the sculptor," said Dr. S. Lavington Hart, founder and for nearly forty years Principal of the Anglo-Chinese College, Tientsin, speaking on March 11 at the London Missionary Society's Laymen's lunch at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, on "What if China became the Universal Provider?"

China, he said, has the goods and it has the men. One of his old students, Mr. Chou Ting-hsu, has recently won some of the highest prizes at the Royal Academy School in London. Another is the architect of many of China's modern skyscrapers. Her commercial men are rapidly adopting modern methods and her workers learn rapidly. China has the men and she has the goods. In Shanxi province there are 25,000 square miles of coal fields, both bituminous and anthracite. The coal is almost on the surface, and there is enough to supply the world for thousands of years. It could be easily transported to the coast. In Manchuria there are 120,000 square miles of arable land producing two harvests a year of wheat, maize and barley. The quality is not yet as good as that produced elsewhere, but the Chinese are willing to look after every leaf and ear on a plant, and, given the chance, will soon make land produce two bushels where formerly it only produced one.

"Commerce and exchange," said Dr. Hart, "are not merely governed by supply and demand but also by political sensitiveness and racial feeling. Is the China of the future to remain friendly with us or are we willing for it to become another Soviet-ruled land? Are we prepared for relations to go from bad to worse? We who are missionaries do not go to China to wave the Union Jack or to teach economics. We go to publish a message of peace without which there can be no intercourse between nations, and that our mutual contacts may be conducive to good feeling. We go to help raise the labour of China is exploited, the whole world will suffer. As the status of the worker in the Far East is improved so will half the difficulty we have to meet regarding the cost of production here, in face of competition from cheap labour elsewhere, be solved. Our mission colleges, too, are sending out young Chinese into business, imbued with principles that will solve many of these problems."

"SPOKES IN WHEELS."

Bureaucratic Troubles In
Moscow.

Under the title, "Spokes in the Wheels," one of the Moscow newspapers occasionally prints brief items describing the everyday difficulties of life in the Soviet capital. A good many of them have a common source in the bureaucracy which to-day spreads over a vast field of Russian life, and affects such things as buying and repairing suits.

So one contributor to this "Spokes in the Wheels Department," perhaps a six-footer, complains that "for three months not one tall Muscovite could buy a suit," and declares that the State Clothing Trust has a programme of dividing people into four categories, according to height, and making the tallest wait until the end of the year before suits can be obtained to fit them.

Another item, entitled "Moscow Without Tailors," writes unfavourably of the workshops of the Moscow Textile Sewing Union, which undertake tailoring repairs, accusing them of charging unreasonably high prices, and of taking two months to replace buttons.

An indignant citizen records a case when water-pipes were found stuffed with undelivered letters which a weary postman had taken this means of discarding, and adds: "Such cases are not rare in the practice of postal institutions. We need a trial of the criminals who destroy the correspondence of hundreds and thousands of citizens."

That even death does not free the citizen from the burdens of bureaucracy is indicated by a true correspondent, who declares that the friends and relatives of a deceased citizen must spend three days standing in queues to obtain the six documentary attestations which are required in cases of death, and even then may have difficulty in buying a coffin, unless the deceased person is of average size.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.
APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

	1931.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Butcher Meat.			
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	33 24 12
" Prime Cut	牛尾肥	lb.	30 28 11
" Corned	咸牛肉	lb.	28 12
" Roast	咸牛肉	lb.	33 24 22
" Breast	咸牛肉	lb.	30 20 18
" Soup	咸牛肉	lb.	27 20 18
" Steak	咸牛肉	lb.	33 24 22
" Steak Sirloin	咸牛肉	lb.	48 30 35
" Sausages	咸牛肉	lb.	38 26 20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17 10 12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75 60 60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	each	60 — —
" Head	牛頭	each	\$1.20 — \$1.20
" Heart	牛心	each	24 18 14
" Hump, Salt	牛心	each	20 18
" Feet	牛心	each	12 10 12
" Kidneys	牛心	each	15 10 12
" Tail	牛心	each	27 20 22
" Liver	牛心	each	24 18 14
" Tripe	牛心	each	8 6 7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	set	\$1.50 \$1.00 \$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	40 26 —
" Leg	羊排	lb.	40 26 —
" Shoulder	羊排	lb.	36 24 —
" Saddle	羊排	lb.	40 — —
Pig's Chittlings	豬排	Per set	3 — —
" Brains	豬排	lb.	16 15 —
" Feet	豬排	lb.	28 15 18
" Fry	豬排	lb.	18 20 —
" Head	豬排	lb.	18 20 —
" Heart	豬排	lb.	15 10 10
" Kidneys	豬排	lb.	15 10 10
" Liver	豬排	lb.	48 30 24
Pork Chop	豬排	lb.	36 25 23
" Leg	豬排	lb.	36 — —
" Loin	豬排	lb.	40 60 70
" Fat or Lard	豬排	lb.	26 21 —
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	each	90 60 70
" Heart	羊頭	each	12 8 7
" Kidneys	羊頭	each	15 12 10
" Liver	羊頭	each	45 26 25
Sucking Pig, to order	羊頭	each	25 25 22
Suet, Beef	羊頭	each	30 20 20
" Mutton	羊頭	each	22 20 20
" Sausages	羊頭	each	28 — —
" No. 1	羊頭	each	32 — —

Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	48 16 24
Bream	魚	lb.	25 20 18
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	25 — —
Carp	魚	lb.	30 13 16
Catfish	魚	lb.	26 16 27
Codfish	魚	lb.	26 12 9
Croaker	魚	lb.	38 16 17
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	24 23 26
Dace	魚	lb.	26 16 27
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	38 23 16
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	18 10 —
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	28 10 8
" Yellow	魚	lb.	20 26 30
Frogs	魚	lb.	68 32 25
Grouper	魚	lb.	20 40 30
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	25 22 18
Herrings	魚	lb.	28 13 23
Halibut	魚	lb.	38 18 16
Labrus	魚	lb.	65 32 13
Loach	魚	lb.	48 62 24
Lobsters	魚	lb.	30 32 21
Mackerel	魚	lb.	30 20 20
Munk Fish	魚	lb.	30 13 2
Mullet	魚	lb.	35 12 2
Oysters	魚	lb.	22 14 9
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	22 30 15
Perch	魚	lb.	34 16 9
Pike	魚	lb.	36 36 29
Plaice	魚	lb.	48 36 30
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	37 36 45
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	68 10 14
Prawns	魚	lb.	18 10 14
Ray	魚	lb.	20 13 18
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	30 22 10
Roach	魚	lb.	48 86 30
Salmon	魚	lb.	18 8 10
Shark	魚	lb.	18 10 10
Shrimps	魚	lb.	44 32 80
Snapper	魚	lb.	48 28 28
Soles	魚	lb.	35 22 28
Tench	魚	lb.	30 26 85
Turbot	魚	lb.	28 12 12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	1.25 40 —

CRIME IN LONDON.

NO INCREASE WITH GROWTH
OF POPULATION.

At the March session for the jurisdiction of the Central Court at the Sessions House, Old Bailey, the Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild) charging the Grand Jury, commented on the fact that in spite of the increase in population crime in the area over which the Court had jurisdiction seemed to be constant. There were about 20 cases a week which came to the Court. That might sound a lot, but when they considered that the jurisdiction of the Court extended over 8,000,000 people, it was not so many as it sounded. Although the population had increased, serious crime had not increased proportionately. He found the volume of crime was pretty constant. Of course, they only got the more serious cases there, and the calendar had been lightened by the empowering of magistrates to try a good many cases they could not try a few years ago. The calendar contained the names of 61 persons. There were two charges of murder, but only one would come before the Grand Jury. The other charge of murder was left over from last session. An eminently regrettable feature in the calendar was that there were six charges of breaking and enter-

ing—an offence which had become very prevalent. There were only two charges of bigamy, which was the lowest number he had ever known.

PLANETS FOUND BY CAMERA.

"Ca" and "Ba" Too Small To
Measure.

In the heavens between Mars and Jupiter, forty million to four hundred million miles from the earth, are the two planets "Ba" and "Ca" the discovery of which has been reported from the Pimp Torinese Observatory.

Professor Count Luigi Volta, director of the observatory, and a great-grandson of the famous electrician after whom the "volt" is named, has made public the photographic plate on which "Ba" was discovered by Professor Lacchini, also of the observatory staff.

All that can be seen on the plate—by the eye of the layman—are a lot of black dots and thin black lines. To the astronomer, however, the plate reveals the secrets of the skies. Pointing to a faint line, less than one-twentieth of an inch long, Count Volta said: "That is Lacchini's planet." As "Ba" had moved across the heavens he had registered his movements on this plate.

Poultry.

	1931.	1918.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	60 30 31
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	56 28 30
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	62 28 30
Duck	鴨	each	44 22 21
Doves	鴿	each	38 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	33 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞蛋	per doz.	36 25 20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	66 38 24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	lb.	55 85 24
Geese	鵝	each	45 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	36 80 —
" Hallow	白鴿	each	30 28 —
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75 — —
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	60 61 45
Snipe	沙	each	30 — —
Pheasant	山	each	3.50 — —
Quail	鶉	each	45 — —
Partridges	鶉	each	1.20 — —

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85 35 —
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	lb.	32 26 —
Bananas (bride's)	金山香蕉	lb.	6 4 —
Carambola	楊桃	lb.	12 — —
Coconuts	椰子	each	12 10 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	15 25 30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13 8 —
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	85 25 30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	lb.	22 — —
Oranges	橙	lb.	32 — 15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	lb.	20 — —
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14 10 12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	lb.	12 — —
Plantain	大蕉	each	5 8 —
Pumelo, Siam	通羅柚	each	22 12 6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	24 — 16
Grapes	菩提	lb.	65 — —

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	菊	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豆	"	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	青	"	22	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青	"	15	5	3
" Red	紅	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥	"	8	—	—
(Shanghai)	菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	菜	"	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	22	—	—
(Medium)	中椰菜花	"	16	—	—
(Small)	細椰菜花	"	12	6	6
Carrots	金	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	金	"	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	美	"	15	25	5
" Red	紅	"	13	10	10
" Green	青	"	9	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	瓜	"	15	2	—
Garlic	蒜	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子	"	9	7	—
" Old	老	"	8	20	—
Horse-radish, Shanghai	菜	"	35	8	4
Indian Corn	粟	"	9	45	—
Lettuce	生	"	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts	菜	"	9	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林菜	"	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮	"	—	—	8
Okroes	菜	"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋	"	10	8	8
" Green	生	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海	"	8	6	—
Parsley	芹	"	15	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番	"	5	3	—
" Japanese	日本	"	4	3	—
" American	金山	"	7	3	—
Pumpkin	多	"	4	4	4
Radish	紅	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大	"	18	—	10
Shallots	葱	"	8	—	8
Spinach	青	"	8	8	—
Tomatoes	番	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋	"	6	7	—
Turnips, Puntl (Long)	芋	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	洋	"	—	4	—
Water Cress	菜	"	14	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮	"	6	15	—

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END OF STEAM.

ELECTRIFICATION OF HOME
RAILWAYS.

UNIQUE TASK.

London, Saturday.
The end of steam traction in Britain within 15 years is envisaged in the report of a Committee presided over by Lord Weir, recommending the complete electrification of the British railways at a cost of £386,000,000.

While the Committee recognise that the task will be "unique in the history of world enterprise," they earnestly suggest that the mere magnitude of the sum involved should not be allowed to obscure the economic and social merits of the scheme, and point out that the expenditure on roads during the past decade probably amounted to the colossal sum of £500,000,000, and now is proceeding at the rate of over £60,000,000 annually.—Reuter.

[It was announced last week that a scheme which is unparalleled in the industrial history of any country will be outlined by the Weir report on railway electrification, which, according to a forecast by the Daily Herald, consists of the electrification of the entire 51,000 miles of British railways.

The cost will be nearly £400,000,000, but it is estimated to save £12,500,000 annually. The newspaper asserts that the scheme has received the blessing of the railway companies which have even worked out the time tables, and it also appeals strongly to the Government as it will employ 60,000 men for 20 years.]

KEMAL'S PLAN.

TURKS REJECT NEW PARTY
PROPOSALS.

NO "INDEPENDENTS."

Constantinople, Saturday.
The attempt by Mustapha Kemal to limit the seven years' dictatorship of his party by the creation of an independent group in Parliament, appears to have failed, according to the first returns in yesterday's legislative elections in Turkey.

The Electoral College, composed entirely of members of the Peoples' Party, failed to comply with Kemal's recommendations to elect thirty freely chosen independent deputies, in addition to the 287 candidates of the Peoples' Party he had already nominated.

Results both in Stambul and Samsoun show that the electors have not cast a single vote for the candidates intended to represent the new party, and it is believed that further results will follow the same tendency.—Reuter.

PRIESTS KIDNAPPED

BANDITS ACTIVE IN
FUKIEN.

Peking, Saturday.
A foreign (official) message from Amoy states that bandits, on Wednesday last, captured Bishop Prat and Father Alfino Andres, together with two Chinese priests and a Chinese divinity student, ten miles from Fengting, in Fukien.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE

IMPORTANCE OF FEETHAM
REPORT.

PRESS COMMENT.

London, Saturday.
The Times, commenting on the fact that owing to circumstances in Shanghai precluding a public enquiry, much evidence was given in private talk, or in written statements. The newspaper says that some of Judge Feetham's most important judgments might appear from that to rest upon his ipse dixit.

In fact, they do not but, even if they did, Judge Feetham's character and career are sufficient guarantee of their justice and validity.

The report is likely profoundly to affect the history of the International Settlement.

"Guardian's" Tribute.

The Manchester Guardian congratulates Shanghai on securing Mr. Justice Feetham's advice on municipal reform, and says that the first portion of the report is lucid and cogent and justifies a confident anticipation of the second instalment.—Reuter.

BROKERS' TROUBLE.

ASSETS PRACTICALLY EQUAL
LIABILITIES.

SUPPORT OF BANKERS.

New York, Friday.
Pynchon and Company, one of the largest stockbroking firms in the country, has been suspended from membership of the New York Stock Exchange for insolvency, and also suspended by the New York Club Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trades and Cotton, Coffee, and Sugar Produce Exchanges.

No official statement of liabilities is made, but it is reported that the firm had loans approximating \$7,600,000. It is believed, however, that the suspension is only temporary and with the return of normal values of securities no creditor will suffer loss, and even with the present abnormally low prices of securities the value of assets is practically equal to the liabilities. It is understood that banking creditors have offered to support efforts to reorganise the firm with new capital.

New York, Saturday.
E. A. Pierce and Company is temporarily taking over Pynchon's accounts.—Reuter's American Service.

HUGE DRUG HAUL.

STRANGE "COTTON GOODS"
IN NEW YORK.

New York, Saturday.
Morphine valued at half a million dollars has been seized here by Customs officials. The drug is said to have been discovered in packages marked "cotton goods," landed from a German liner.—Reuter's American Service.

INDO-CHINA'S 'REDS'

GROUPED "INDEPENDENT
STATUS."

Moscow, Saturday.
The Communist party in Indo-China (which was formerly part of the Communist party in France) has been admitted to independent membership of the Communist Internationale.—Reuter.

INFANTA'S BURIAL.

DRESSED IN ROBES OF
SISTERHOOD.

DEATH IN EXILE.

Paris, Saturday.
With the simplest ceremony, the body of the Infanta Isabella was placed in a coffin yesterday, dressed in the brown robes of a Sister of the Order of St. Francis of Assisi, in which robes she will be buried.

A small silver statue representing Notre Dame del Pilar, for whom the Infanta had a special devotion, was placed beside the body, which is being moved today from the nursing home where she died.

[A message from Paris on Friday stated:—Ex-King Alfonso's aunt, the octogenarian Infanta Isabella, who, though paralysed, insisted on leaving Madrid because she refused to die in Republican Spain, died in a nursing home at Passy this afternoon. She only arrived in Paris on Monday night.]

Royal Naval Cadet.

London, Saturday.
King Alfonso's third son, the Infante Don Juan, who is entering Dartmouth Naval College, arrived in London last night.

More Recognition.

Madrid, Saturday.
Japan, and also the Holy See, has recognised the Spanish Republic. Ex-Premier Berenguer has signed a declaration of loyalty to the Republic. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of General Mola, ex-Chief of Police of Madrid, on a charge of "rashness and indiscretion."

"A Curse."

Madrid, Yesterday.
"May the curse of God fall upon Spain if the Republic takes root!" These words are reported to have been used by the Cardinal Archbishop of Toledo, who is Primate of Spain, in an address a week ago.

The incident caused an enquiry by the Republican Government and an official communication to the Papal Nuncio.

The Minister of Justice declares that the words themselves were never used, but that the Primate might have used phrases which could have been interpreted as indicating little liking for the Republican regime; hence in a communication to the Nuncio the Minister expresses the hope that Rome will not support the attitude of the Primate which would be opposed to that adopted by practically the whole of the Spanish clergy.

The Government will not, in any case, permit a "rebellious and unseemly attitude to prevail."—Reuter.

FRANCE & BRAZIL.

DENUNCIATION OF MODUS
VIVENDI.

Rio de Janeiro, Yesterday.
France has denounced the modus vivendi regulating the Franco-Brazilian commercial relations since 1900.

This follows the recent increase of Brazilian tariffs and the retail tax on foodstuffs and liquors, which led to a considerable decline in French exports in 1929. The value of Brazil's purchases from France was 40 per cent. less than French purchases from Brazil. The denunciation will operate as from September 10.—Reuter's American Service.

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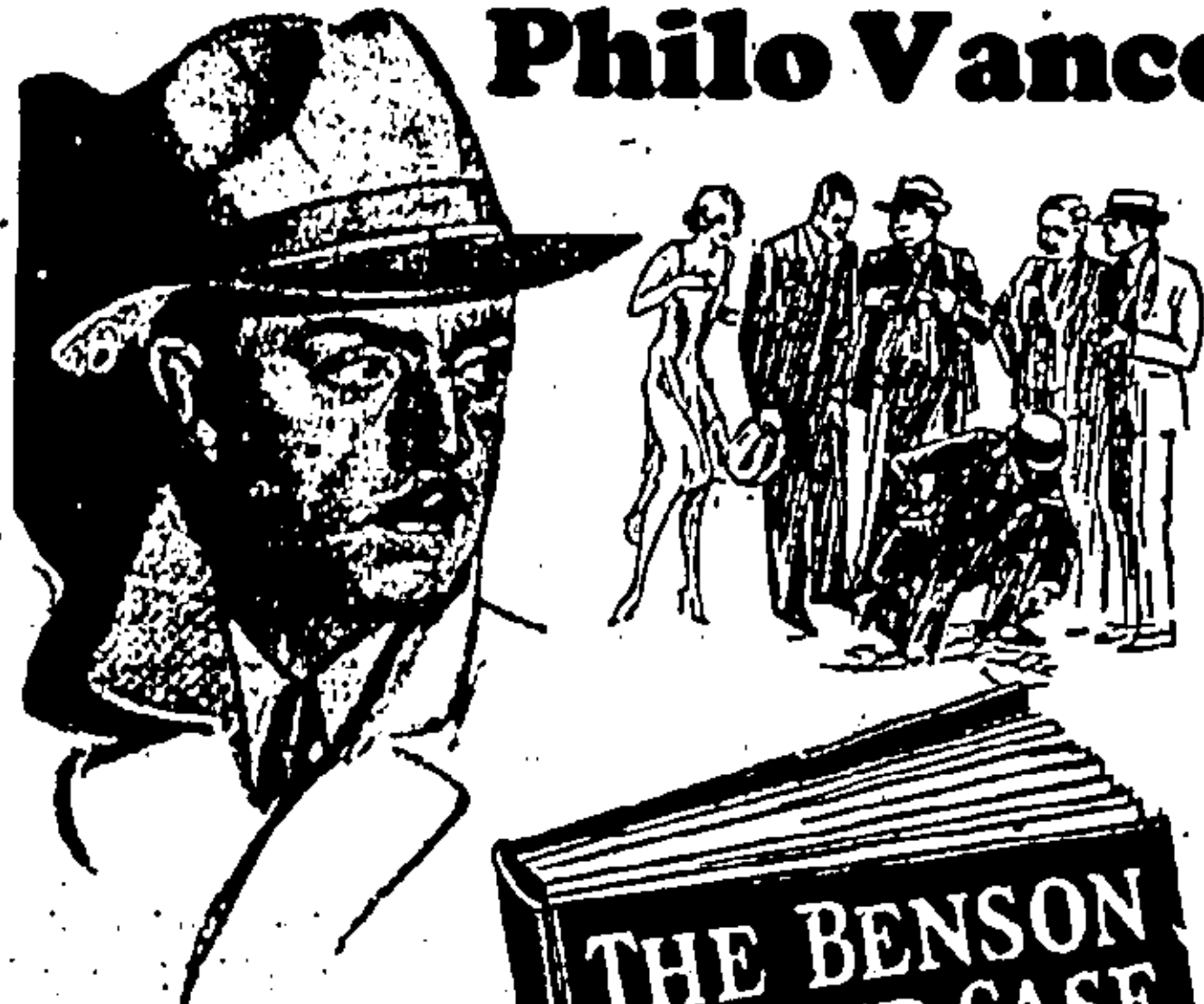
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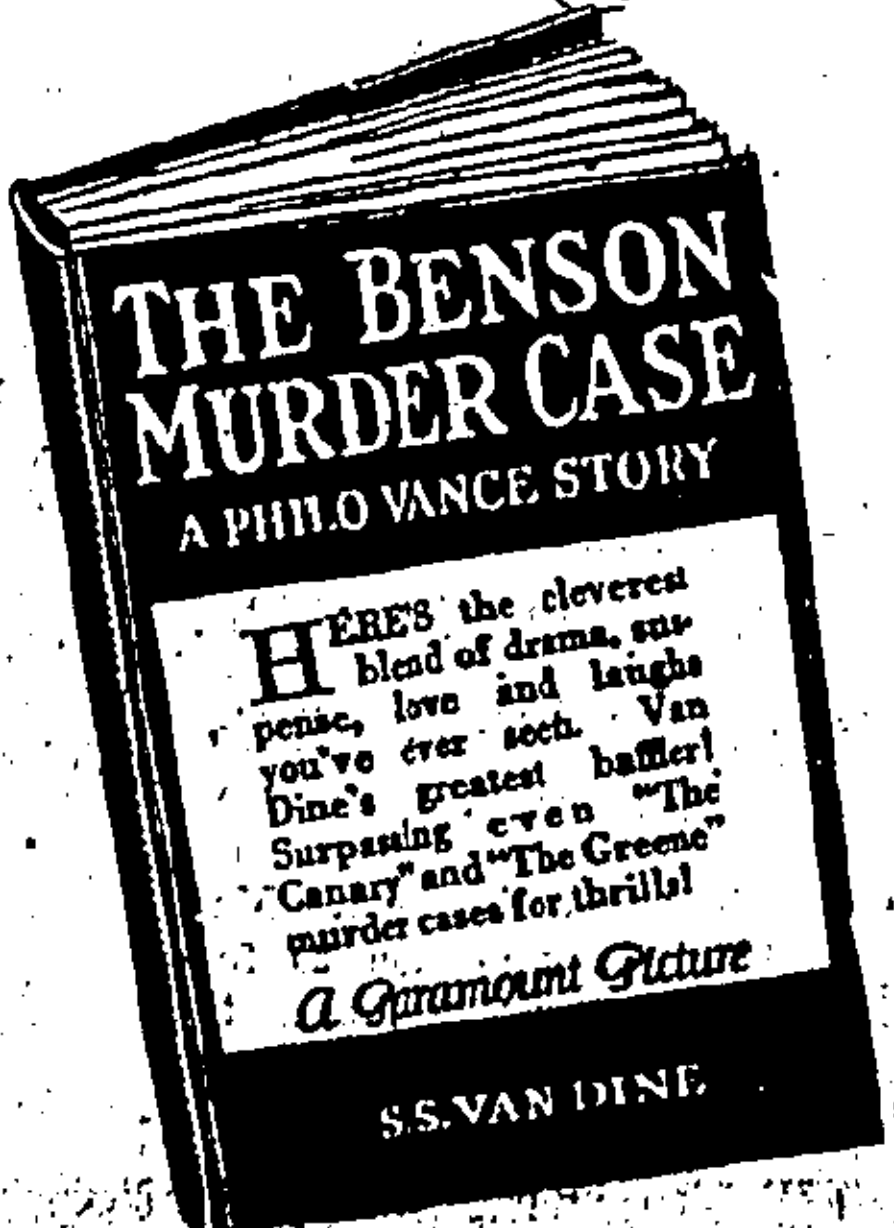
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